

# Hugh Grant, G. U. Grad, Key Man in Nats' Deal

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## The Weather

Today—Cloudy, mild, occasional rain.  
Wednesday—The same. Yesterday—  
High, 52 at 2:55 p. m. Low, 40 at 6:20  
a. m. (Details on Page 2, Section B.)

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## Yugoslavia And Britain Sign 5-Year Trade Pact

### 560-Million-Dollar Agreement Reached; Tito Treasury Has Surplus for Year

Belgrade, Dec. 26 (AP).— Marshal Tito's government tonight announced two economic triumphs—a new five-year 560-million-dollar trade pact with Britain and a surplus in its treasury.

The trade agreement was the biggest—and perhaps the best—deal Yugoslavia has yet signed with a Western country in her struggle to withstand economic pressure from the Russian-led Cominform countries. (Britain's Board of Trade in London estimated the value of the two-way trade in five years under the pact at \$616,200,000.)

The agreement, after nearly nine months of negotiations, came as Yugoslavia's Parliament opened a joint session tonight to consider its budget for 1950 and to review expenditures for the past year.

It was told that the country not only balanced its budget this year but had a net surplus of 520 million dollars.

Under the terms of the trade pact, Britain will receive nonferrous metals—chiefly lead and copper—timber, and corn.

Probably the biggest item will be timber.

In return, Yugoslavia will get wool, wool and cotton yarn, chemicals, rubber and rubber products and a wide variety of machinery and capital equipment.

British Ambassador Sir Charles Peake, his country's chief negotiator of the pact, said he considered the agreement "very satisfactory."

The agreement also provides for settlement of Britain's bill for Yugoslav property taken over by the Yugoslav government at the end of the war.

Under the terms of that settlement, Yugoslavia promised to pay compensation at the rate of 506,000 pounds (\$1,416,800) annually for eight years.

To Guarantee Credits

Under another clause, Britain will provide a guarantee of credit for Yugoslavia's purchases of eight million pounds (\$23,400,000) repayable over six years and "substantial" short-term credits.

The credit clause was one of the chief hitches in reaching an agreement.

Marshal Tito looked on while Yugoslavia's Parliament reviewed the year's economic record at the opening session on next year's budget.

## Jap Admits Germ Tests on Yanks, Moscow Reports

London (Tuesday) Dec. 27 (AP).— American war prisoners were used in bacteriological experiments, the Soviet military tribunal trying 12 Japanese on charges of plotting germ warfare was told yesterday, Radio Moscow reported today.

The broadcast quoted Maj. Gen. Kiyoshi Kawashima of the Japanese army medical corps and section chief of a bacteriological experimental unit.

"To ascertain the degree of vulnerability of the American Army to different combat infections, members of Unit 731 studied on American war prisoners the degree of their receptivity to different infections," Kawashima was quoted.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Will Speak at January 6 Luncheon

For the second book and author luncheon of the season on January 6 at the Statler Hotel The Washington Post will present these three authors: Eleanor Roosevelt, "This I Remember" (Harper); Walter Karig, "Victory in the Pacific" (Rinehart); and Morton Thompson, "The Cry and the Covenant" (Doubleday).

Tickets for the luncheon, which will be held at 1 p. m., are \$3. They are available in the lobby of The Post Building and at the following book stores: Airport, Ballantine's, Brenlan's and branches, Community, Kann's, Francis Scott Key, David Pearlman, Paul Pearlman, Purcell's, Saville, Whyte's, Woodward & Lothrop, in Alexandria, Better Mouse Trap and Chevre House, and in Bethesda, Center Book Shop.

## The New Washington Post Building . . .



ARCHITECTS' DRAWING—The Washington Post is making ready to move into a new home—1513-21 L st. n.w. The new building will be a seven-story reinforced concrete structure

### Doubling Production Capacity

## Seven-Story Newspaper Plant Being Built For The Washington Post at 1513-21 L St. N.W.

By Conrad P. Harnes

Post Reporter

Construction of a modern seven-story newspaper plant for The Washington Post, doubling the newspaper's production capacity, is now under way at 1513 to 1521 L st. n.w., Philip L. Graham, publisher, announced last night.

A gray limestone building, with seven floors above street level and basement, will be ready for occupancy next August, under present schedules. It will be one of the most complete and up-to-date newspaper plants in the United States.

The new building will bring together into one plant more than 800 employees now dispersed in four different structures: the main offices at 1337 E st. n.w., an annex over the Thompson restaurant, 1345 E st. n.w., the National Theater Building and 109 Union st. n.w.

Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc., of Detroit, specialists in newspaper architecture, designed the building. General contractor is the John M. McShain Co., of Philadelphia, which also is in charge of remodeling the White House, constructing the Dupont underpass.

See PLANT, Page 4, Column 1

## Dual Ceremony Independence Comes Today To Indonesia

(Picture on Page 3)

Amsterdam, Dec. 26 (AP).—Queen Juliana will grant Indonesia its independence Tuesday in ceremonies dismantling her 350-year-old empire and ending four years of dissension and bloodshed.

The Queen will formally transfer sovereignty over the East Indies to the new United States of Indonesia, a federation of 16 autonomous states which will become an independent partner in a Dutch-Indonesian union.

The transfer will be formalized simultaneously at ceremonies in Batavia, former capital of the Netherlands East Indies, while people throughout the new nation celebrate their independence.

(Sultan Hameng XI of Jogjakarta, defense minister of the U.S.I., warned in Batavia today that the Indonesian army would maintain order during the independence celebrations, "by the use of arms, if necessary.")

The official transfer of sovereignty will be solemnized in the royal palace, in the heart of Amsterdam.

Juliana and her husband, Prince Bernhard, the Dutch cabinet and an Indonesian delegation led by U.S.I. Premier Mohammed Hatta will assemble around an oval table in the marble "Citizens' Hall," which was once Amsterdam's town hall.

Hatta and Dutch Premier Willem Drees will sign a protocol confirming acceptance by both nations of the decisions granting independence to Indonesia and creating the Dutch-Indonesian union.

In Batavia, Dutch High Commissioner A. H. J. Lovinck will see INDON, Page 3, Column 5.

## Auto Driven by 'Santa' Kills Boy on Bicycle

Cleveswater, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP).—A local Santa Claus carried Christmas joy for scores of children and death for one.

Max (Sonny) Waller, 12, was killed when his bicycle collided yesterday with an automobile driven by Santa Claus George Sheard, 35, carrying gifts to needy children at nearby Largo, Fla.

## Forgiveness of Sins Sought

## Pope Leads 20,000 Penitents Into Vast Nave of St. Peter's

(Picture on Page 2)

He headed a procession that had formed in front of the great obelisk in the center of the spacious square in front of St. Peter's faces.

The Pope knelt in prayer on the threshold of the holy door before entering, then proceeded to the altar of the confession. At the altar, he recited the special prayers prescribed to obtain the Holy Year indulgence, granting forgiveness for all sins.

He gave a special apostolic blessing to the thousands of penitents, garbed in a simple white robe.

## Eight Killed In Jap Quake; Crater Erupts

Tokyo, Dec. 26 (AP).—An all-day series of earthquakes north of Tokyo today caused eight known deaths and did widespread but comparatively minor damage.

Simultaneously Mount Aso, rated as the world's largest volcano, erupted on Kyushu Island, more than 500 miles to the southwest. It hurled forth great stones and quantities of ashes, but had done no recorded damage.

The earth tremors on Honshu Island in central Japan were felt in Tokyo and shook an area of nine prefectures north of the capital.

National police headquarters said eight persons were killed three were missing and several were injured at Imaichi. That town of 17,000 population about 85 miles north of Tokyo was apparently the epicenter of the disturbance. Police said 85 houses collapsed.

The Imaichi railway station collapsed and the rail bed sank on the 20-mile route from Utsunomiya to Nikko.

Several United States Army rest camps were damaged.

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## Good Business Prospect

## Manufacturing Rate Is High Despite Recession, Strikes

Wilson, of G.M., Hopes For No More 'Seares'; No Car Under \$1000

President Charles E. Wilson of General Motors predicted yesterday that 1950 will be another year of business prosperity if nothing happens to "scare" American buyers.

Wilson also said he does not look for any radical or revolutionary changes in automobiles in the next few years.

Nor does he believe there will ever be a "cheap" car selling below \$1000 again, he said.

Wilson expressed his views in an interview copyrighted by U. S. News and World Report, weekly news magazine published in Washington.

The General Motors executive keyed his forecast of a prosperous new year to four big "ifs," as follows:

1. If we don't do "some foolish things, politically—throw too many shoes in the wheels of progress."

2. If the United States keeps out of "international difficulties."

3. If some way is found to settle the coal controversy "before we run out of coal." This was reference to the three-day work stoppage.

See WILSON, Page 4, Column 5

## Single Appropriation Measure Planned

Despite Possibility Of Log-Rolling Moves

By The Associated Press

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Nonrecurring Expense Cited

The Senate group cited the non-recurring five-million-dollar expense which the city had to meet this year in paying out the retroactive salary increases covering last year.

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With these instructions in mind, the Commissioners are expected to propose general funds improvements totaling between 12 and 13 million, with the other 7 to 8 million in water and highway improvements. Of the combined water and highway capital outlay program, about two thirds is for the highway program, the rest for the water program.

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## NAM Satisfactory Outlook for Next Year; Mixed Trend in Profits

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—Despite the business decline in the first half of 1949, and the fall strikes, manufacturing production for the year will total only 8 or 9 percent below 1948, the National Association of Manufacturers estimated today.

"If 1950 manufacturing output remains within 5 or 10 percent of the 1949 average, either way, we can anticipate a satisfactory overall operating rate in industry," said a year-end report by NAM's research department.

There would be relatively few bottlenecks on the one hand and relatively few instances of extensive idle equipment on the other hand.

"We have today the greatest and most enviable productive mechanism of any nation in the world. That mechanism is about 62 percent larger than it was in 1939, and with pent-up demands and special needs already rather well satisfied, a sensible initial objective for 1950 would be a total physical output to match that of 1949, rather than the levels of 1947 and 1948."

The study report said dollar figures for the year-end were not available.

## Key to Gravitation Riddle? New Einstein 'Field Theory' May Explain All Phenomena

By N. S. Haseltine

Post Reporter

New York, Dec. 26.—Announcement of a new "unified field theory" by Prof. Albert Einstein was made here today as thousands of scientists began their annual meeting.

The new theory purports to interrelate all known physical phenomena, keying together Einstein's own theory of relativity to the quantum theory in a single system. Admittedly, it may be years before experimental evidence can be accumulated to prove or disprove the new theory against facts.

Einstein himself was not present for the announcement. He was reported in failing health, and faring poorly after a recent gall bladder operation, at his Princeton, N. J. home.

Announcement of the new "generalized theory of gravitation" was made in opening press conference of the 116th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Herbert Bailey, science editor of the Princeton University press, at Hotel Statler. Concurrently, the science publication SCIENCE, Page 5, Col. 2.

## \$118 Million D. C. Budget To Be Asked

### \$20 Million Sought For Improvements; Estimates Ready For Congress Study

By Edward F. Ryan

Post Reporter

A District budget of about 118 million dollars with some 20 million dollars earmarked for municipal improvements, is expected to be presented to the returning Congress, it was learned yesterday.

The record city budget total drafted by the Commissioners will go to Congress as part of the President's annual Federal budget message. The proposed budget is for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 1950, and ends June 30, 1951.

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## Bay, Now Envoy, Is Choice to Head Resources Board

(Picture on Page 2)

By Robert S. Allen

Charles Ulrich Bay, United States Ambassador to Norway, is the new choice for the long-vacant chairmanship of the National Security Resources Board.

President Truman will send Bay's appointment to the Senate early in January.

A New York businessman, Bay has held his diplomatic post since 1946. His business experience includes pharmaceuticals, oil, steam shovels, and heading a steamship line. During the war, he served on a War Department advisory committee.

Note: In the year the NSRB chairmanship has been vacant, the key defense agency has been run by John O. Gorrie, former aide of former Gov. Mon Wallgren. Gorrie was installed by Wallgren in anticipation of his being assistant when he became their man. When the Senate refused to confirm Wallgren, Gorrie stayed on as the actual operating head. He has been highly praised by the joint chiefs of staff.

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## Judge Orders Bus Strikers Back to Work

Cleveland Had Asked Injunction Against City's Transit Tie-Up

Cleveland, Dec. 26 (AP).—Striking AFL employees of the Cleveland Transit System were ordered to return to work by 2 p. m. Tuesday by Common Pleas Judge Joseph A. Artl.

The order was made in reply to a request for an injunction by the city-owned system against the AFL-union and 25 of its officers.

The strike was in its fifth day today.

Union leaders said later that at a mass meeting of the 4900 strikers at 10 a. m., Tuesday they would recommend that the men return to work.

The members of the union were ordered not to interfere with operation of the buses and streetcars.

No punitive action was mentioned as the CTS had not pressed for this at this time.

The judge's ruling tonight followed a two-hour special hearing at which both sides appeared this afternoon.

The judge had been requested to act under the Ferguson Act, which prohibits strikes by public employees and which has yet to be given a major court test.

The judge was asked to demand that Thomas P. Meaney, president of the transit union, issue an order telling the unionists to return to work "forthwith."

Previously, Mayor Burke had asked the drivers to return to work last Friday night. The plea went unheeded, however, and the union voted the next day to continue the strike.

The strike started unexpectedly last Wednesday night over the amount of vacation pay the workers will receive.

## Inspector Smith Dies

Inspector Milton D. (Chimney) Smith, assistant superintendent of police, died suddenly yesterday of a heart attack at his home, 2828 49th st. n.w. He was 62.

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## Martin Acts to Force Vote on Excise Repeal; All U.S. Funds in 1 Bill

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## Statue 'Old Hickory' Is Unloaded By President

(Picture on Page 10)

Independence, Mo., Dec. 26 (AP).—President Truman today finally unloaded a 12-foot equestrian statue of one of his favorite characters, Andrew Jackson.

With about 1500 fellow Jackson Countians looking on, he gave the statue of "Old Hickory" to the county.

It took the President 15 years to dispose of the statue, but every one seemed happy when Miss Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, unveiled it in subfreezing weather on the court house lawn.

When he was presiding judge of the county court, Mr. Truman thought it would be a fine idea to have a Jackson statue in front of the new court house in Kansas City.

The county got so big it needed two court houses. The larger is in Kansas City.

Sculptor Charles Keck of New York got the job. Apparently sculptors warm up just like baseball pitchers. First Keck turned out a statue of George Washington.

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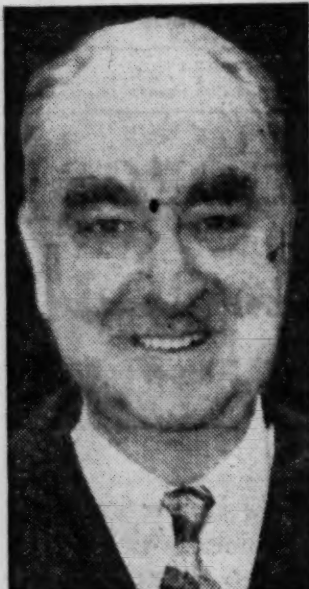
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# Toynbee Foresees 50-Year Cold War

May Be Named  
To Resources Post



Associated Press Photo  
CHARLES U. BAY,  
New York businessman and Ambassador to Norway, is reported the choice for the long-vacant post of chairman of the National Security Resources Board. (Story on Page 1.)

## 600 Reported Killed in Raid In Colombia

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 26 (AP).—The newspaper, El Nacional, today said at least 600 persons were killed December 17 during a Conservative raid against Liberals in the Colombian town of El Cocuy.

The dispatch said reports on the death toll ranged from 500 to 2500, but could not be checked because of Colombian government censorship.

El Nacional said the raid was in reprisal for a "bandit" attack on the Conservative settlement at El Cocuy on December 13, in which 82 persons were reported killed.

Conservatives control the Colombian government.

Police, soldiers and armed civilians attacked the Liberals, the dispatch said, dynamiting homes and shooting down fleeing inhabitants.

In Bogotá, a presidential spokesman said the death toll was less than 100, including the 82 persons officially reported killed in the December 13 skirmish.

**Year-End Will See  
120,953 DPs Here;  
2583 Now on Way**

The International Refugee Organization announced yesterday that 2583 displaced persons will arrive in America this week just in time to begin a new life with the new year.

The Army transports Muir and Haan, bringing the DPs from Europe, will arrive in New York today and Wednesday.

They will bring the year-end total of DPs admitted to this country to 120,953.

Congress has authorized admission of up to 205,000 by the end of 1950.

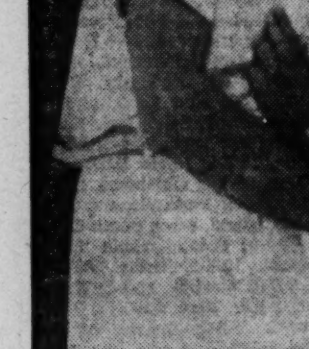
But President Truman made it clear in his Christmas message to the Nation that he will press for congressional action next year on legislation to raise the quota, extend the time limit, and remove some restrictions on eligibility.

**Someone's Christmas  
Present Was a Skunk**

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP).—The Humane Society here gave away every one of its ownerless 175 cats and dogs for Christmas presents. Even the lone deodorized skunk went too.

Humane officials said animal lovers wanted the pets either for themselves or to give to friends.

**Couple in Mink-Coat Slaying**



IN A HAPPIER MOMENT—Mrs. Camilla Failla, 32-year-old New York woman, regained consciousness yesterday and asked, "How are the children?" Her son, Joseph, 8, and daughter, Camilla, 10, had watched in terror Christmas morning as, police said, she plunged two steak knives into the body of her husband, Joseph, 39, whom she suspected of going out with other women. He fell fatally wounded on a \$5000 mink coat he had given her for Christmas. Mrs. Failla took an overdose of sleeping pills and lapsed into a coma until yesterday morning.

London, Dec. 26 (AP).—Prof. Arnold Toynbee, one of the world's foremost historians, today predicted that the cold war with Russia would continue without becoming a shooting war until at least the year 2000.

But he added that he thought the battlefield of the cold war in the next 50 years would be Asia, because communism has been contained in Europe.

In an interview with the United Press, the 60-year-old historian—author of the internationally known six-volume work, "A Study of History"—surveyed the world and spoke freely of what he thinks the future holds.

The interview was held shortly after the Soviet Union celebrated the seventeenth birthday of Josef Stalin. When Toynbee was asked which individual he thought had had the greatest influence—good or bad—on the world this century, he replied without hesitation: Lenin.

**"Interpreter of Lenin"**  
"Stalin rules only through the strength of Lenin," he said. "He is an interpreter of Lenin."

"Lenin exerted the strongest influence on the world because he changed Marxism from an academic philosophy into a practical creed of first-class importance. Lenin ruled chiefly through his personality."

There was no question in Toynbee's mind that the two great forces in the world—opposing forces—for the next 50 years will be America and Russia. But he was optimistic about the possibility of avoiding another war.

"A shooting war is not inevitable within the next 50 years," Toynbee said. "The aims of the two principal parties in the cold war, Russia and the Western Powers, are better served by a cold war. I would be extremely surprised if either party resorted to a shooting war."

**Soviet "Security Minded"**  
Russia is now security minded.

At home she will be busy during the next half-century doing the same things America was doing during the nineteenth century—developing her resources.

"Abroad Russia will endeavor to build up her Communist camp. And that will not be a military camp."

Toynbee said he would be surprised if Russia tried to push the Iron Curtain farther west than she has done.

"America," he said, "will continue to fight communism wherever she can. But she will not hesitate to cut her losses when the situation becomes too bad, as was the case in China."

Toynbee pointed out that Russia had suffered several setbacks during the last year—Berlin and Tito being the major ones.

"Both were victories for the Western powers," he said. "Berlin especially so because it did not develop into a shooting war."

**Japan Seen "Good Child"**  
Regarding key points in the rest of the world, he said:

Japan—"Japan will play the good child to America as long as Americans feed her. . . . Her traditional ideology has been crushed and she will have to concentrate on a secure standard of living."

Africa—"East Africa will be the chief focal point of trouble between the white and blacks. The white man has already found that he cannot live in West Africa, in Nigeria, the Gold Coast and other parts."

South America—"As I see it, South America will not contribute anything distinctive to the world within the next 50 years. It will absorb North American culture as from the eighteenth century, it has been absorbing French culture. But it will not like North American culture so much. The native population in Peru and Bolivia and Paraguay is likely to become as restless as in Mexico recently."

**18 Drown in Storm**

Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Dec. 26 (AP).—Eighteen persons drowned near Port Sudan when a native boat capsized during a storm in the Red Sea, a dispatch said today. Nine were rescued.

## Pope on Threshold of St. Peter's Basilica . . .



Associated Press Wirephoto  
Carrying candle and cross, Pius XII enters basilica during sacred Holy Year rite.

## Jerusalem Parliament Opens; Censure Move Is Threatened

Jerusalem, Palestine, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Israeli Knesset (Parliament) met in Jerusalem today for the first time since the Holy City was proclaimed the "eternal" capital in defiance of United Nations plans to internationalize it.

Speaker Joseph Sprinzak opened the meeting with three sharp raps of his gavel at 4 p.m. (9 a.m., Eastern Standard Time).

Only routine business was on the calendar, but opposition parties, led by Menachem Beigin's "Herut" group, threatened to move a vote of censure against the government because it failed to keep the U. N. from voting for nationalization. Beigin also may formally demand the resignation of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharret, who led the Israeli delegation at the U. N. Assembly meeting.

Soon after Parliament met it was announced that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had finished moving his office here from Tel Aviv, along with all documents and personnel.

Four-hundred-odd persons, including the 120 members of the Parliament who were elected 11 months ago, crowded into the rectangular assembly hall on the top floor of the three-story Jewish Agency building for today's meeting. Carpenters and electricians had worked until well after dawn to get the hall ready. Canvas-covered trucks rolled up to the white stone building until the last minute, bringing parliamentary records from Tel Aviv, the "temporary" capital, which now is to be abandoned.

Foreign diplomats remained in Tel Aviv, for fear their attendance might imply at least informal recognition of Jerusalem as the capital.

**Trujillo Given Right to War  
On Nation Harboring Plotters**

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Dominican Congress granted President Rafael Trujillo authority today to declare war against any nation that knowingly harbors conspirators planning to overthrow his government.

The President requested the authority on December 12 and said it would be used only when an invasion fails to break up such invasion conspiracies. His message at the time, read before a joint session of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, singled out Cuba and Guatemala as countries which had given aid and comfort to contingents of plotters against the Dominican Republic.

**Syria Cabinet,  
President Quit**

Syria, Dec. 26 (AP).—The cabinet in which he would have served as Premier and Foreign Minister was announced, but today he withdrew the proposed government without explanation.

**Egypt Warns Arabs  
To Leave Syria Alone**

Cairo, Dec. 26 (AP).—Egypt, largest Arab power in the Middle East, warned Iraq and Hashemite Jordan by implication today to keep hands off turbulent Syria.

The Foreign Ministry released a statement by Premier Hussein Sirry Pasha pledging that Egypt would take a "positive attitude" against any Arab state threatening the independence of another Arab state by aggression or pressure. Sirry Pasha made it plain that the warning extended to coups in Syria motivated by outside influence.

**SPECIAL NOTICES**  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Munsey Trust Co., Washington, D. C., will be held at its office in the Munsey Building on Tuesday, January 17, 1950, at 12 noon for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Fulls open from 11 a. m. until 12 noon. A. J. BYRNE, Secretary.  
Dec. 26, 27, 28  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS of the Security Savings and Commercial Bank of Washington, D. C., for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the banking house, Tuesday, January 10, 1950 at 10 o'clock A. M. Proxy for the transfer of stock will be closed from December 27, 1949 to January 11, 1950. ELEANOR B. DANIEL, Secretary.  
Dec. 12, 20, 27, Jan. 1  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Annual Meeting of the American Security and Trust Company for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the presentation of the Annual Report of the President and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them will be held at the office of the company at 1303 N. and Pennsylvania Ave. in the City of Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, January 17, 1950, at 12 noon, and the polls will be open until 12:30 p. m. Due to this meeting the transfer books will be closed from January 2 to 17, 1950, both days inclusive. DANIEL W. WELLS, President; J. EVERETT WHITE, Secretary.  
Dec. 27, 28, 29.

## POPE—From Page 1 Pope Marches As Penitent

students and pilgrims who packed the huge basilica.

Then the Pope seated himself in his golden gestatorial chair and was carried to the Chapel of Pity and from there to his apartments in the Apostolic Palace.

The priceless bronze portal that will close the holy door every night was put in place on special hinges today. The ornate panel was blessed yesterday by the Pope.

It was the first time in 650 years of Holy Year history that an actual door had been permanently hung in the special doorway. Next Christmas Eve, the door will be locked and sealed, to wait until the next Holy Year—1975—before being opened again.

## Seabee Unit Sails This Week to Map Caribbean War

A Navy Seabee unit will leave the United States Wednesday to begin setting the stage for the biggest peacetime military maneuvers in the Caribbean.

The construction battalion will go from Norfolk, Va., to the Island of Vieques, off Puerto Rico, to set up a camp, build ammunition storage facilities, ramps for landing craft and targets for the naval gunfire and air attack.

The Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force will all engage in "Operation Portra." The exercise will begin with naval and naval air maneuvers in which task forces will engage. Then will come a full-scale assault on the "enemy" island.

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## World Government Advocates to Get Chance To State Case Before Congress Committee

By the United Press

World government advocates, who feel that their big task at this stage is education and arousing public opinion, soon will be offered a chance to state their case before a highly respected sounding board.

A Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee, headed by Senator Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah), plans to hold public hearings early next year on half a dozen proposals for strengthening the United Nations or building regional or world federations of governments.

The various proposals have grown out of the partial paralysis of the United Nations, resulting from the cold war split between the Western democracies and the Russian-led Communist bloc.

None of the proposals has yet received Administration endorsement, but some have impressive bipartisan support in Congress.

**22 Sponsor Resolution**

The longest list of sponsors—22 Senators—is attached to a resolution introduced last fall asking President Truman to invite the North Atlantic treaty nations to a conference to explore how far they might go in establishing a "federal union."

The resolution is the first step in the program of the Atlantic Union committee, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts. Former Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and former Undersecretary of State William L. Clayton are vice presidents of the group.

The committee's eventual goal is a powerful Atlantic union with a common defense force and a common foreign policy. Members hope it could be fitted into the existing framework of the United Nations. Another resolution with strong support was introduced last fall by 19 Senators. It declares that the goal of United States foreign policy should be to strengthen the U. N. and "seek its development into a world federation" with defined powers to enforce peace by international law.

This approach has the backing of the World Federationists' organization headed by Cord Meyer Jr. One of its key differences with the Atlantic Union proposal is that the World Federationists have not abandoned the hope that Russia would come into a limited international government.

**Other Proposals**  
Other proposals before the subcommittee include:

A resolution introduced by 11 Senators calling for revision of the U. N. charter to abolish the veto "in defined matters of aggression" and for creation of an international police force. If Russia should balk, the proposal calls for a world mutual defense pact of like-minded nations.

A proposal sponsored by Thomas and Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) for an international pact aimed at by-passing the paralyzing effect of the Security Council veto. Signers of the pact would agree to go to the defense of any attacked nation if required to do so by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly, including three of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

A resolution by Senator Glen H. Taylor (D., Idaho) calling for a United Nations conference to establish "true world government."

A declaration, sponsored by Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.),

that Congress favors "political federation of Europe."

A check showed that 12 Senators are sponsoring two or more of the proposals.

Excluding duplications, 39 Senators are sponsoring the various plans. Five of them are Foreign Relations Committee members, proposals.

The State Department has been asked to be ready to submit a full report of its views on each of the Relations Committee members, proposals.

but these do not include Chairman Tom Connally (D., Tex.) or Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), senior Republican member.

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## Chengtu Reported Captured by Reds

### Girl Near Death In Mystery Attack



Associated Press WIREPHOTO  
VIRGINIA EUBANKS,  
16-year-old Union, S. C., choir  
girl was attacked brutally Christ-  
mas Eve by an unknown assailant  
who left her unconscious, her  
skull crushed, beside Yule  
presents she had been wrapping.  
She was alone in her house at  
the time, and her family is con-  
vinced "it was no accident." Brain  
surgeons in Charlotte,  
N. C., are watching her closely.

### QUAKE—From Page 1

## Eight Killed In Jap Quake

hotels are situated in the area, but  
Army authorities reported the es-  
timated 100 Americans escaped  
injury.

Two freight trains were reported  
derailed in the Nikko yards, and  
the crews escaped.

In Tokyo damage was confined  
mainly to broken dishes.

Far to the southwest, Mount Aso  
put on a show of its own.

The 5225-foot mountain is re-  
garded as the oldest volcano in  
Japan, with records of eruptions  
going back to 533 A. D.

It is called the world's largest  
because its outer crater measures  
17 by 10 miles. This crater, how-  
ever, includes four dormant peaks  
as well as the one now active.

Japanese volcanologists said the  
mountain burst into a full-fledged  
eruption at 9:40 a. m. Monday.

It hurled boulders 500 feet into  
the air and covered the coun-  
tryside with ashes, but there was no  
lava flow.

Los Angeles Quake  
Breaks Gas Main

Los Angeles, Dec. 26 (AP).—A  
sharp earthquake rocked the south-  
west section of the city today,  
smashing dishes and breaking win-  
dows.

The shock at 6:27 a. m. broke  
one gas main. It was repaired al-  
most immediately.

It was so strong at the Interna-  
tional Airport that workers thought  
a plane had exploded and travelers  
at the Airport café fled from their  
tables.

One Inglewood family said the  
dishes were knocked from the  
breakfast table. Several residents  
told police pictures fell from their  
walls. One woman telephoned po-  
lice she was "thrown out of bed."

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## Indonesian President Congratulated...



DR. SOEKARNO FETED—The first President  
of the new United States of Indonesia (right)  
is congratulated by Kusuma Atmadja, Chief

Justice of the Supreme Court of the Indone-  
sian Republic, as he was sworn in early this  
month in the Sultan's Palace at Jogjakarta

## Christmas Tree Business Results in Free-for-All

Detroit, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Christ-  
mas tree business turned into a  
grim one in Detroit this Yule hol-  
iday.

As one dealer put it:  
"I figured to make a killing. In-  
stead, I nearly got killed."

Willis Ross, the dealer, lives in  
Lincoln, Mich., about 250 miles  
north of here. He diagnosed the  
situation correctly when he noted  
that Detroit, where in other years

you could buy a fine tree for a  
song on Christmas eve, was in for  
a severe shortage.

Other dealers had burned thou-  
sands of evergreens and seen their  
profits go up in smoke in recent  
years. This year they apparently  
decided not to load the Detroit  
market.

So Saturday evening, when the  
tardy tree buyers were paying \$5  
to \$20 for some tiny, spindly spec-  
imens—if they could find even  
those—Ross and his two sons drove  
in with a carload and set up shop.

They intended to sell the trees  
for \$2 to \$5. But the huge crowd  
that gathered when sound trucks  
announced the sale couldn't wait  
to buy.

The mob got out of hand and a  
free-for-all resulted. Nineteen-  
year-old Carl Ross was beaten un-  
conscious. His father finally got  
away with the truck and took Carl  
to a hospital for treatment.

Ross said he tried to give the  
rest of the trees to charitable or-  
ganizations, but they were refused  
because it was too late for distri-  
bution. Finally he said they would  
be burned, after all.

Then there was the incident of  
the Detroit man whose family was  
one of the hundreds that went  
without a Christmas tree. He com-  
plained to police that a dealer  
beat him up.

"I offered him 50 cents for his  
last tree," the would-be buyer told  
police. "I've been doing that for  
years. I always got a good tree be-  
fore. This time he got mad."

Astronomers See  
Star Blast Sweep  
8000-Mile Area

Mount Hamilton, Calif., Dec. 26  
(AP).—Two astronomers today re-  
ported they had watched a giant  
explosion on a star that swept an  
area of about 8000 miles and shot  
the star's temperature up 15,000  
degrees.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Kron  
said they saw the explosion through  
the 36-inch telescope at Lick Ob-  
servatory.

Astronomers said it was only  
the fourth recorded time such a  
sight has been seen by human eyes.  
Usually, such explosions are re-  
corded only photographically.

The Kronas, who are members of  
the University of California staff,  
said the star had a diameter 60  
times that of the earth.

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### INDO—From Page 1

## Indonesia Gets Liberty Today

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donesian President Soekarno.

Both members of the new union  
will be entirely independent, but  
they are expected to cooperate  
closely. Queen Juliana and her  
successors on the Dutch throne are  
to be the official heads of the  
union.

The two states will hold annual  
conferences and will consult regu-  
larly on foreign affairs. A perman-  
ent joint secretariat will admin-  
ister their mutual business, and  
they may share diplomatic repre-  
sentatives.

Port of Buenos Aires  
Is Tied Up by Strike

Buenos Aires, Dec. 26 (AP).—Ap-  
proximately 5000 stevedores and  
other workers began a 48-hour  
strike today for higher wages. The  
strike tied up South America's  
biggest port, with less than 10 per-  
cent of the workers heeding a call  
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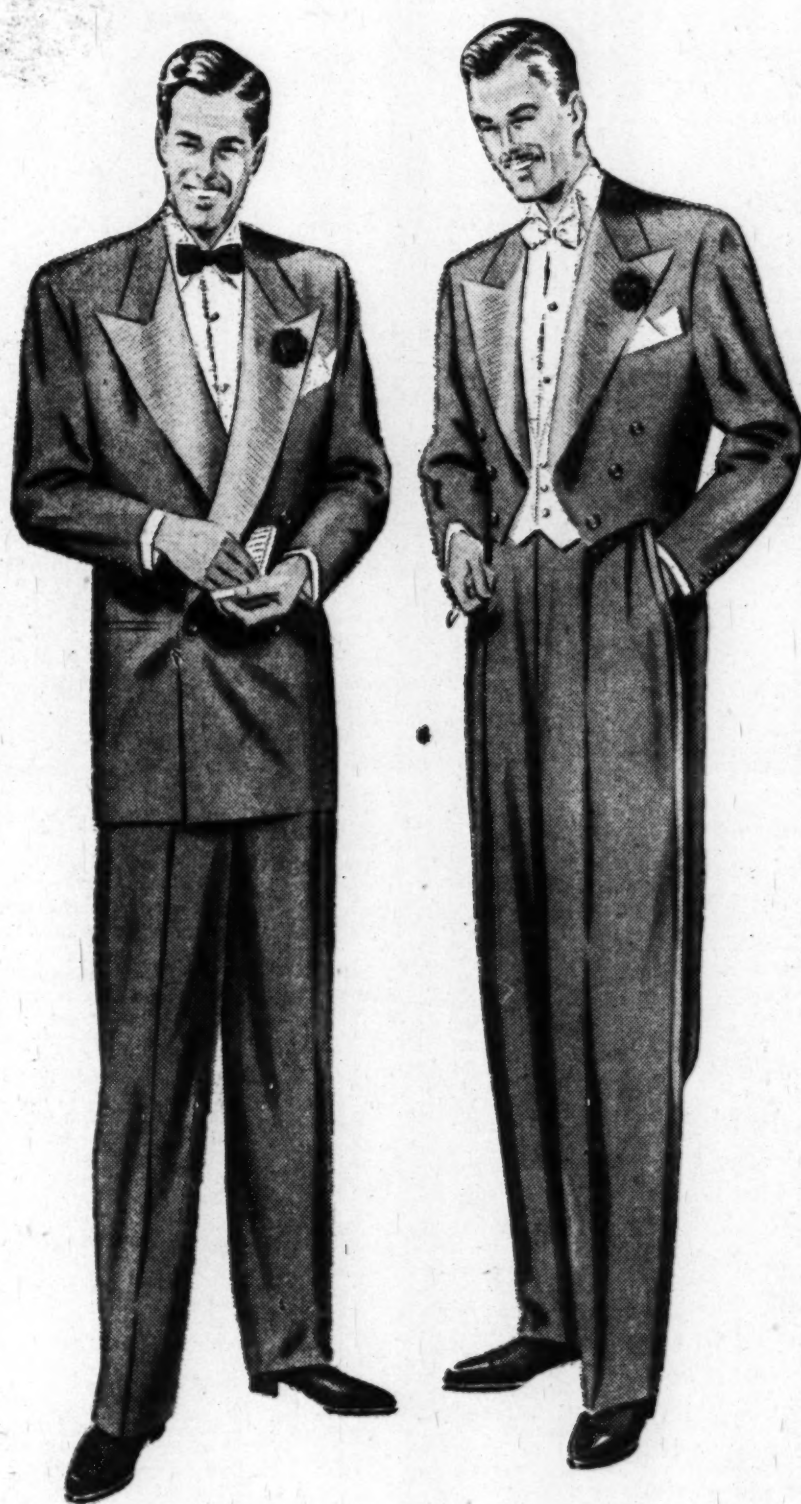
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PLANT—From Page 1

## Washington Post Building New Plant

and building the General Accounting Office. Other local structures on which this company has been employed include the Pentagon building and the Jefferson Memorial.

Building site is adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel at 15th and L sts. nw. and directly across from the North side of the Statler Hotel. The Southern Wholesalers Building at 1519-21 L st. and two private residences occupying the site have been razed to make way for the new Post building.

The completed plant will have a 120-foot frontage on L st., and a depth of 131 feet. Finish is in gray Indiana limestone, resembling the Statler Hotel exterior. Trim will be Canadian black granite.

Public entrance and lobby will be on the street level at the southwest corner and an employee entrance will be in a balancing position on the southeast corner. The ground level floor between the entrances will be glassed in, clear across the front.

At each floor level from third to seventh floors the stone facade will be broken by 24 windows set in continuous series.

The finished building will provide double the production capacity of the present Post plant. Floor space is available for further growth. Architects have incorporated in the plans the latest departures in design and arrangement of equipment. Recently constructed newspaper plants throughout the country have been studied.

Air conditioning is being provided for all departments. Floor construction is adapted to the function of each floor level—wood block in most of the mechanical departments, maple-on-edge flooring in the composing room, asphalt and rubber tile and terrazzo and ceramic tile elsewhere.

Lighting will be by continuous fluorescent strips. Under floor duct systems will make possible electric and communications outlets at all points.

The building has been literally designed around the functions of newspaper production.

Floor-by-floor description follows:

Basement—Paper storage, reel rooms, electrical switchboards, press controls, boilers.

First floor—Press room in cen-

tral 45 feet. Rest of floor: entrance lobby, classified counter, assembly room, employment office, stereotype foundry.

Second floor—Press room in central 45 feet. Rest of floor: office space, machine shops, locker rooms, shower rooms.

Third floor—Mailing room, art department first aid room, production office, locker rooms, wash rooms.

Fourth floor—Composing room, engraving department, publications office.

Fifth floor—All editorial and news departments, including photographic studios and laboratories, wirephoto rooms, teletype rooms, reference library.

Sixth floor—Advertising, circulation and promotion departments.

Seventh floor—Executive office, accounting department, general administrative services.

Publisher Graham, in announcing the new building, declared that the structure now being built should accommodate The Washington Post until its circulation and advertising volume has more than doubled.

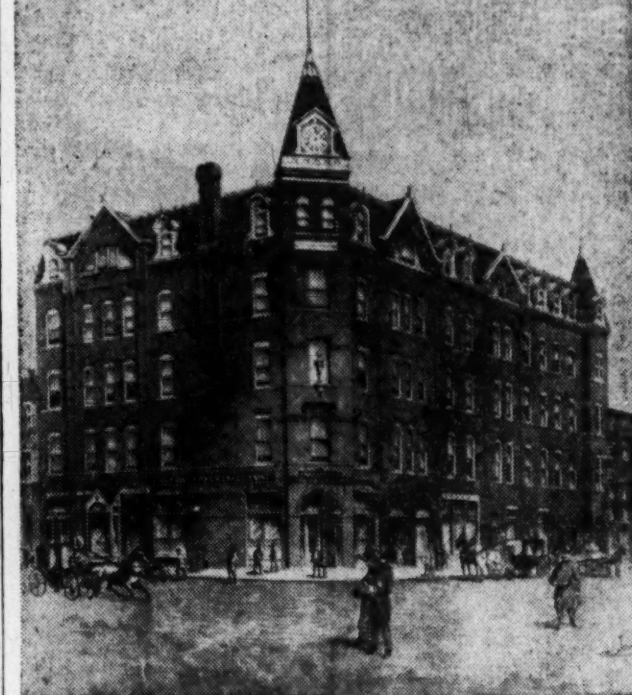
The L st. building is so related to additional Post property that when this stage is reached, further construction will be possible with a minimum of inconvenience. The design of the plant at each floor level has been developed with such an expansion in mind.

Eugene Meyer, chairman of the board of The Washington Post, who purchased the newspaper property in 1933, contrasted the present requirements of The Washington Post with those of the publication he acquired 16 years ago.

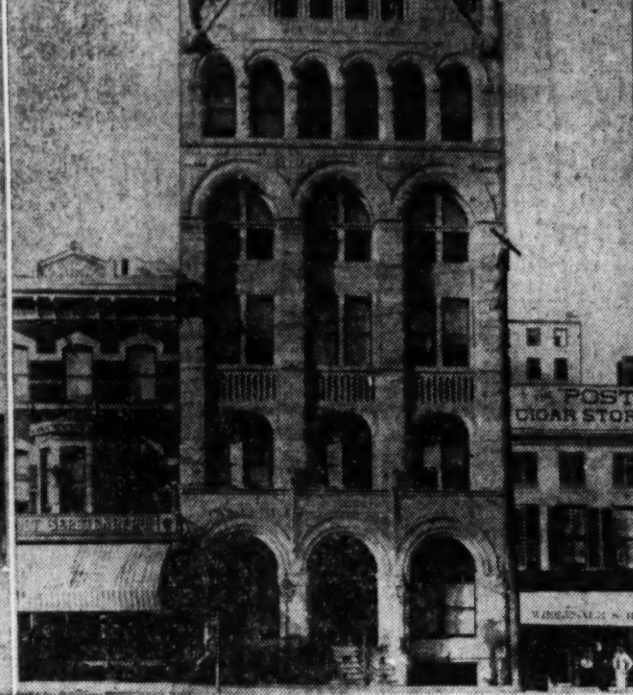
"It is difficult to believe," he said, "that the successive additions to plant, made since 1934, all have been outgrown by the continuing expansion of circulation and advertising volume."

"Although the floor space now available is more than double that of the 1933 plant, it long has been inadequate to our needs. I am sure that the convenience of a larger and more efficient establishment will permit greater and more rapid growth than has been possible in the quarters on E st."

"A great newspaper," Mr. Meyer declared, "can be produced by good newspapermen, in spite of the handicaps of physical facilities, and the best physical re-



The Washington Post, at 10th and D sts. nw., in 1885



The Washington Post, on E street, 50 years ago without additions



The Washington Post building as it looks today

sources do not assure a great newspaper. The human element is the ingredient essential to that process. I hope this new building will enable the Post staff to do an even better job than they have done before, and that this building will help them give the Capital City of the United States the kind of newspaper it deserves."

The Washington Post has been published at 1337 E st. nw. for 57 years, so long that its gray stone building has become a landmark that has conferred upon the adjacent area the title "Post Square."

Several additions and expansions of the property were undertaken to keep pace with the growth of the newspaper and in recent years auxiliary quarters have been leased.

In February 1949, to relieve pressure on the E street plant, construction of a three story press building was begun at 1513-1517 L st. Increasing production problems prompted a decision to build an entire plant on this and adjacent property.

The newspaper has moved many

times since it was founded on December 6, 1877 by Silston Hutchins.

It started its life in make-shift quarters at 914 Pennsylvania ave. During its first year it moved to the Globe building at 339 Pennsylvania ave. In August, 1880, the paper moved to a 3½ story brick building at the corner of Tenth and D sts. n.w.

Fire gutted this building on July 16, 1885. It was then repaired and enlarged into a five story structure where The Post remained until 1893 when it moved to its present E st. location.

A first addition to the E st. plant was built in 1904. A second addition, or West wing, was completed in 1935. The L st. plant will be the fifth from which The Washington Post has issued.

BUSINESS—From Pg. 1

## Manufacturing Rate Is High

ures on profits of leading corporations in the first nine months of 1949 revealed a decidedly mixed trend: "While steel and automobile profits rose 26 and 52 percent respectively in the textile and garment field fell off 63 percent, pulp and paper profits dropped 44 percent and in the oil industry the decline was 28 percent."

"It is fortunate that the economy as a whole has averaged out so well, because that makes it less difficult for some industries to withstand the shocks of readjustments in volume, prices, costs and profits. They have at least the advantage of a strong general economic framework within which to work out their problems of recovery," the report said.

## Virginia Notes 2% Drop in Jail Commitments

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP)—A 2 percent decline in the number of people jailed in Virginia during the July-September quarter this year, compared with the same three months of 1948, was noted today by the State Department of Welfare and Institutions.

The department said jail commitments for July-September, 1949, were 26,865. Last year the like three-month total was 27,416.

Apparently, people over 35 years of age were less law-abiding, for they made up a rising proportion of those jailed, while younger folks avoided the lockups more successfully.

The downward trend in drunks continued, while reckless driving was up.

WILSON—From Page 1

## Wilson Wants 'Scares' Ended

week set up by John L. Lewis for his coal miners.

4. And if this country suffers "no other big industrial upsets like the steel strike."

Barring such possibilities, Wilson said he thinks business will be as good in 1950 as it has been in 1949.

He did not elaborate on what he meant by doing "foolish things, politically," but declared:

"I think it's easily possible to underestimate the capacity of the American public to consume goods if we could avoid scaring the people."

Noting that Americans got along "reasonably well" without buying new cars for four years during World War II, Wilson continued: "Now, any time they get scared, they can stop buying cars. That's one of the problems of our country actually in regard to stabilized employment."

"Instead of being like some countries, 80 per cent for subsistence and 20 percent for luxuries, or 95 percent for sub-

sistence and 5 percent for luxuries, we've got about 40 percent for subsistence and 60 per cent for the things that we can postpone."

Asked if that is a dangerous condition, Wilson replied:

"Yes; it means that we must not scare the people or scare ourselves."

Among other things, he said used cars are "still overpriced" and he believes the next new automotive development will be the use of high-octane fuel with "more efficient" engines.

Commenting on the possibility of a car ever selling below \$1000 again, Wilson told his interviewer: "To pull a straight answer out of the air, I would say 'no.' People don't want the kind of car you would have to make in order to price it under \$1000."

"You would have to take too much out to get the price down, and there are many things you couldn't cut. Fenders, just to take one item, cost just about the same to make, whether they are large or small."



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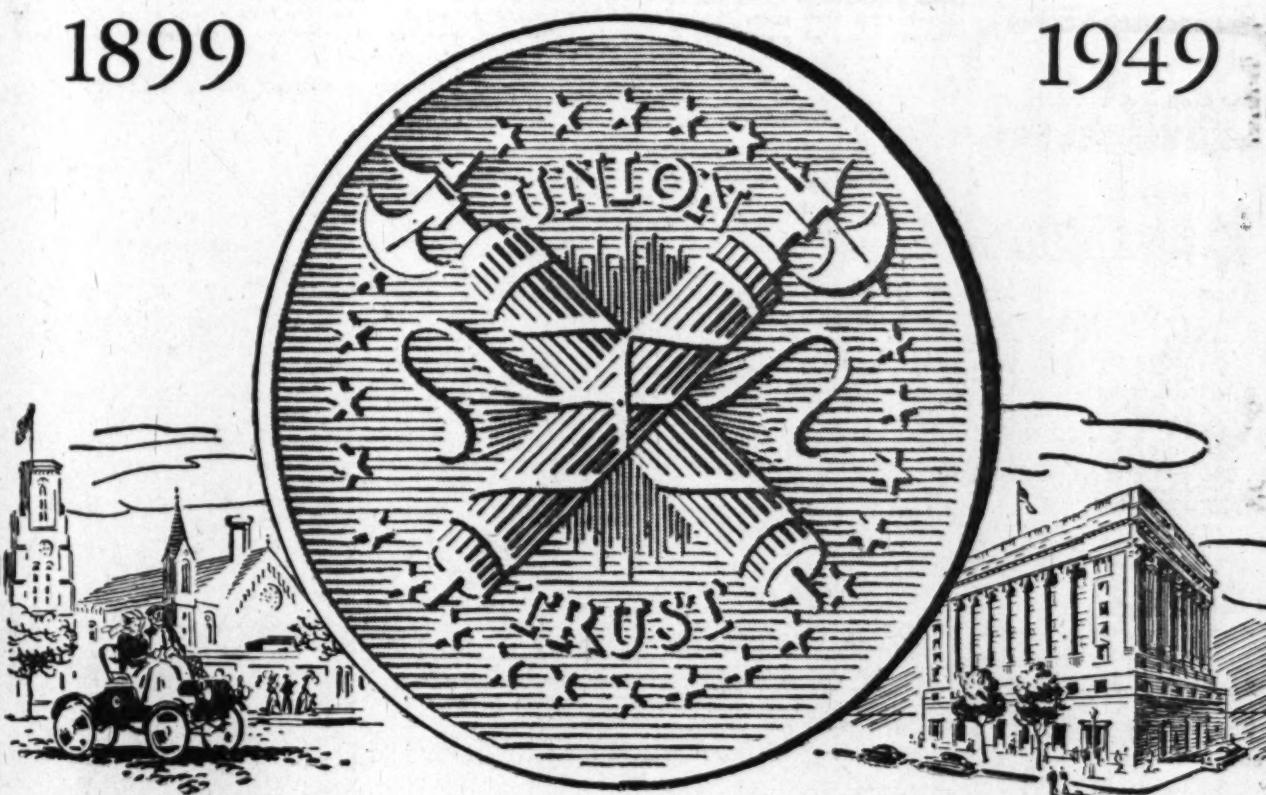
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## Burned-Out Town Is Given Red Cross Aid

Hyndman, Pa., Dec. 26 (AP).—The Red Cross moved into this blackened southern Pennsylvania community today to help rebuild after a Christmas night fire that leveled the town's business section.

Andrew M. Gregg, assistant director of the Red Cross Eastern Area Disaster Service, said Hyndman had been declared a disaster area and would be entitled to help in reconstruction.

The fire started last night when a Christmas tree in the home of Somers Fisher went up in flames. Fisher's wife, Corrine, 60, died in the blaze. Fisher, 67, was burned badly, and Memorial Hospital at nearby Cumberland, Md. reported his condition still poor.

Gregg conferred with members of the Town Council today, and arranged for registration of all those affected by the fire. He said one of the first steps would be distribution of clothing.

Mayor Ernest Harden said about 29 families, embracing some 62 persons, were driven out by the flames. He estimated the total damage at \$500,000. Although other citizens said the loss might reach one million dollars. The bank, the postoffice, about 12 business buildings and a score of homes were destroyed.

Standing alone in the burned-out area, where the bank building once stood, is the bank vault. It was kept under armed guard all night and all day, and no attempt has been made to open it yet.

## Hagerstown Firemen Split On Beer Issue

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 26 (AP).—Should firemen sell firewater?

That's the question that has split a Hagerstown fire company wide open, involved churchgoers and now has turned up in court.

The Western Enterprise Fire Co. asked a license to sell beer in its social club. The license commissioners said "no." Then the firemen held their annual election. The license was a campaign issue. Two "parties" were formed, one favoring, the other opposing the beer business.

The prober ticket won by 18 votes. The firemen's social club appealed the license commission's decision to the Circuit Court. Then three churches with 4,000 members got into the fight because the places of worship are within 100 yards of the firemen's building.

## Fire Ravages Town on Christmas Night . . .



Picture shows all that remains of business section of Hyndman, Pa., after blaze.

SCIENCE—From Page 1

## New Einstein 'Field Theory' May Explain All Phenomena

Scientific American, reported the new theory in its January edition, distributed today. Einstein's new contribution, the magazine noted, may well rank with his original publication of relativity as a milestone of scientific achievement.

Just as Einstein's original theory of relativity had to be checked to see whether it jibed with established physical theory (such as Newton's laws), so the new theory must be tested against experimental facts.

The 70-year-old scientist was reported to have described his latest theory as a "highly convincing" extension of the general theory of relativity, "although, due to mathematical difficulties, I have not yet found a practical way to confirm the results of the theory with experimental evidence."

An all-encompassing field theory to explain physical phenomena has been a major goal of many physicists since 1920. The need for such a theory became more pressing in studies on nuclear fission (which produced the atom bomb), and more recently on influences of gravity and magnetic forces in the upper atmosphere towards development of guided missiles and space ships of the future.

Physicists know that bodies produce gravitational fields, but none know why; they know there are various types of elementary particles (electrons, protons and others). But can't explain why there are so few types instead of many; nor do they know why all electrons have the same charge.

If a single theory could be deduced to explain all such physical phenomena, they contended, not only might these questions be answered but it might be possible to predict entirely new and unforeseen phenomena.

Such is the goal of Einstein's new "generalized theory of gravitation," his publishers said.

The new theory is scheduled to be published in February by Princeton University Press as a 16-page addition to the third edition of his well-known "The Meaning of Relativity." In manuscript form, it is contained in 19 typewritten pages, of which about 18 pages are complex mathematical equations.

The equations, it was explained, have the mathematical properties

which seem to be required in order to describe the known effects, but they must be tested against observed physical facts before their validity can be absolutely established.

Einstein published his original complex theory on the relationship of time and space in 1905. In 1906, he published his general theory of relativity, and received first general recognition because it correctly calculated—where Newton's laws had failed—variances in the rotation of the orbit of mercury.

Third Calculation Confirmed

It wasn't until 1920, however, that Einstein's reputation became entrenched. In that year, Einstein's theoretical calculations of the bending of light beams by gravitational fields of the sun and other stars were publicly verified in astronomical findings of those who studied the sun's eclipse of May, 1919, in Brazil. Then again, in the late 1920's studies made at Mt. Wilson Observatory confirmed a third theoretical calculation of Einstein's 1916 work. That of the shift in lines of the spectrum of the sun.

Since then, Einstein has made several false starts at correlating all phases of physical phenomena into a single theory. If this latest attempt can be confirmed by other workers, physicists agree, it may well be the most important event in theoretical physics in years.

## Cabin John Tree Blaze Burns Woman

A Cabin John, Md., woman was burned on the hands yesterday while trying to toss a flaming Christmas tree through an open window. Three other persons suffered cuts on the hands in escaping the blaze through a closed window.

A short circuit ignited the Yule tree in the home of Edward Williams at 10 Carver rd., Cabin John, Md., police reported. Williams' wife, Juanita, 42, was burned when she seized the tree to throw it outside, they said.

Three guests, Reginald H. Casey, 36; his wife, Sarah, 34, and daughter, Annie, 13, rushed to a first-floor bedroom and jumped through the window. The Caseys live at 1474 Chapin st. nw.

Damage was confined to one room and was estimated at about \$100 by the Cabin John Fire Department. The injured persons were treated at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda.

## 4 Girls Burn to Death At Yule Entertainment

Luebeck, Germany, Dec. 26 (AP).—Four little girls performing a "snowflake" dance for the inmates of an old people's home were burned to death Christmas Eve when their flimsy costumes caught fire from a candle, police reported today. Six other girls were injured.

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## AFL Asks Pay Hikes From Cut in Costs

### No Sharp Drops Grocery Bill Cuts Likely Next Year

Housewives probably will be able to shave their grocery bills a bit next year, but Government price proprs should forestall any sharp tumble in food prices, a survey revealed yesterday.

Agriculture Department experts said eggs, pork and poultry should be cheaper in 1950, while sugar and dairy prices will remain about steady. Bread and bakery prices also should remain about the same. Grapefruit will be more expensive. Oranges will cost less.

Even on items that are expected to be cheaper, the price reductions may be delayed.

Pork prices, for example, probably will begin increasing soon along with the Government's price support level, which moves up seasonally beginning next month. They will reach their peak in March and then presumably begin skidding again.

They gave the following outlook for other food prices:

Bread and baked goods—There is little chance of any sharp price break. Wheat prices can fall only a few cents at most. That is not enough to encourage manufacturers, who blame most of their costs on processing and shipping expense, to lower prices.

Sugar—The new national raw sugar quota announced by Brannan last week should be just about enough to meet present demand, which should mean steady prices. Industry sources agreed with that view.

Milk, butter and cheese—The Agriculture Department has announced that it will support 1950 milk prices at the same level as this year.

Eggs—Prices probably will drop 8 to 10 cents a dozen as a result of the Government's action in dropping the support level.

Poultry—Brannan will announce new, and probably lower, support prices on chickens and turkeys for 1950. Turkey prices will not be affected until the 1950 fall crop begins moving to market almost a year from now. Chicken prices will drop almost immediately.

Citrus fruits—Grapefruit prices will be substantially higher because of the damage done to Florida's citrus groves by a hurricane some time ago. But oranges will be plentiful and prices should drop accordingly.

Potatoes—Prices are expected to remain about steady despite a 12-cent-a-bushel drop in the Federal support level.

The American Federation of Labor last night announced that its unions would seek "substantial" wage increases next year and strongly hinted that the final figure would be more than 10 cents an hour.

In unveiling its 1950 bargaining strategy, the big union said most employers could hand out raises of from 7 to 15 cents an hour and still keep prices at or near present levels if they would trim production costs.

The AFL also warned that the Nation faces "another business readjustment" in 1950. But it added that the economy is "strong and healthy" and said a depression can be avoided if labor, management and other groups cooperate in a constructive program.

**Idle Increase Foreseen**

It said unemployment probably will hover around 5,100,000—or about one million higher than the 1949 average—largely because of a flow of new workers into the labor market.

Supporting its argument that wage increases need not result in higher prices, the AFL said some employers can pay higher wages by reducing their production costs and dipping into their profits for a few additional cents an hour.

"Wages must be raised without causing a general increase in living costs," it added.

The union said that even if every worker in the Nation received a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase, it still wouldn't be enough to bring consumer purchasing power to the level the AFL believes necessary for a continuing healthy economy.

Thus, it said, wage increases in 1950 must be "substantial" and "large."

**Threat Called Challenge**

The AFL said the threat of a new business setback is a challenge for labor, management and government.

"Free enterprise faces a test in 1950," it said.

The AFL said that "many persons" always turn to the Government in a time of crisis, hoping the Government will spend more money to "bolster the economy."

But the union said government spending is not the answer. "To build big government even bigger and make our economy dependent on it would be a serious step away from the way of life which has brought us freedom and high living standards," it said.

The union said the business outlook is "bright" for the first half of 1950 but "doubtful" for the last six months. That jibed generally with the forecast of top Government economists.

It predicted unemployment running "considerably above five million during dull industrial seasons."

It said business probably will go

## Appeal Steps Available to U. S. Employees

By Jerry Klutz

Here is a complete and up-to-date chart on the who, what, when, where of Federal worker appeals, including appeals available to So, it's official. The chart should be clipped and saved for possible future guidance.

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEE APPEALS

(Including appeals available to applicants for Federal Employment)

| Who Can Appeal                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Appeal From What?                                                                                                                                                                                 | To Whom Should Appeal be Made?                                                                                                                                                                                                            | When Should It be Made?                                                                                                                                        | Can Further Appeal be Made?                                                                                                                                         |
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| Veterans who have completed a probationary or trial period.                                                                                                                                                               | Removal, reduction in rank or compensation, suspension for more than 30 days.                                                                                                                     | Director of Civil Service Region, or if in departmental service in the Washington area, to Chief Law Officer, Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                   | Within 10 days from date of receipt of notice of adverse action.                                                                                               | Yes, to U. S. Civil Service Commission within seven days from receipt of notice of decision on the initial appeal.                                                  |
| Employees subject to the Retirement Act administered by the Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                     | Disallowance of own application for annuity, or the allowance of an application filed by the employing agency.                                                                                    | Board of Appeals and Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                              | Within 30 days from receipt of notice of final action by administrative review.                                                                                | Yes, U. S. Civil Service Commission. No time limit specified, but must be within reasonable time.                                                                   |
| Applicants for Federal employment.                                                                                                                                                                                        | Eligible ratings.                                                                                                                                                                                 | To office or division which made the original decision.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Any time during life of re-employment.                                                                                                                         | Yes, to Board of Appeals and Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                |
| Applicants for Rural Carrier and Postmaster examinations.                                                                                                                                                                 | (a) Disapproval of application because of failure to meet residence requirements, and (b) Disapproval of application because of late receipt or failure to meet age requirement.                  | Board of Appeals and Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                              | Within reasonable time after receipt of notice of disapproval.                                                                                                 | Yes, to U. S. Civil Service Commission within a reasonable time.                                                                                                    |
| Departmental graded employees.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Efficiency ratings made under the uniform efficiency rating system.                                                                                                                               | Chairman, Board of Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                | Thirty days after receipt of notice of agency decision on administrative review.                                                                               | No further appeal.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Field graded employees.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Efficiency ratings made under the uniform efficiency rating system.                                                                                                                               | Chairman, Board of Review, if field board is established, care of the appropriate Civil Service Region. If not care of U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                    | Thirty days after receipt of notice of rating or 30 days after receipt of agency decision on administrative review.                                            | No further appeal.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ungraded employees if a board of review is established with jurisdiction over such employees.                                                                                                                             | Efficiency ratings made under an approved system.                                                                                                                                                 | Chairman, Board of Review—see next item above.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Same as next item above.                                                                                                                                       | No further appeal.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Any employee affected by a reduction in force except those who are appointed subject to approval by the Senate and those who are appointed by the President.                                                              | Reduction in force action.                                                                                                                                                                        | In the Washington area, to the Central office of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Elsewhere to the appropriate Civil Service Region.                                                                                                   | Two days from receipt of notice of proposed reduction-in-force action.                                                                                         | Yes, to Board of Appeals and Review and finally to the U. S. Civil Service Commission. No time limit.                                                               |
| Applicants for Federal employment.                                                                                                                                                                                        | Ineligible ratings in examinations, including ineligibility on physical condition and ineligibility on suitability grounds.                                                                       | The Fair Employment Board, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                | Unless otherwise notified within two years of the establishment of the register or within 10 days if residing outside of the continental United States.        | Yes, to Board of Appeals and Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                |
| An employee or person failing of appointment in the executive branch of the Federal Government, who alleges that a personnel action which affects him has been taken because of race, color, religion or national origin. | An adverse decision of the head of an agency or department under Executive Order 9800 on a complaint of discrimination in a personnel action because of race, color, religion or national origin. | To Chief Law Officer U. S. Civil Service Commission for departmental employees in Washington, employees of D. C. government and employees outside continental United States. For others to the appropriate Civil Service Regional office. | In writing, within 10 days from the date of receipt of notice of the adverse decision and within 30 days if residing outside of the continental United States. | No further appeal.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Any person entitled to veteran preference who has completed a probationary or trial period in his current employment, or has completed one year of service in an excepted position in his current employment.             | Discharge, suspension for more than 30 days, furlough without pay, or reduction in rank or compensation.                                                                                          | Loyalty Review Board, U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Within 10 days after the effective date of the adverse action.                                                                                                 | Yes, to Board of Appeals and Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission with seven days from the receipt of the decision of the Chief Law Officer or Regional Director. |
| (Not applicable to employees in the legislative and judicial branches, or to positions other than Presidential Postmasters, appointment to which must be confirmed by the Senate.)                                        | Any such employee or applicant may appeal from an adverse decision that on all the evidence, reasonable grounds exist for the belief that he is disloyal to the Government of the United States.  | U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | If and when either the senior or the employee feels that position is improperly allocated.                                                                     | To the Board of Appeals and Review, U. S. Civil Service Commission within a reasonable time.                                                                        |
| Any agency or any employee.                                                                                                                                                                                               | The grade allocation of a position in the departmental service, Washington area. See note.                                                                                                        | U. S. Civil Service Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                     |

\*Note: Section 14 field allocation cases are appealable to Regional Directors. In the departmental service there are no Section 14 allocation appeal cases because of prior action by the Commission, but the employee may still appeal under general procedure, the same as any other employee.

## U. S. Economy Demand Seen By Dworshak

By The Associated Press

One member of Congress yesterday credited the public and voters in particular—with support for a New Year's resolution for economy.

"For the first time in nearly 20 years there seems to be a genuine popular trend for balancing the budget," Senator Dworshak (R., Idaho) told a reporter.

Dworshak said he is getting a lot of mail from individual voters and organizations urging him to battle for less Government spending and oppose any tax increases.

"Apparently a lot of these voters do not know that's exactly what I've been doing for nearly 10 years in both the House and Senate," he said. "But it certainly shows a healthy trend after years of spend, spend, spend more let the other fellow pay the bills."

Dworshak said he believed Republicans could recapture control of both the Senate and House in the 1950 elections if they make "economy and a balanced budget the main issue."

If he is to stay in the Senate, Dworshak must run again next year and he has made no formal announcement. His contention that voters have become "tax conscious once more" indicates he expects to be a candidate.

The Senator said he believes the next session of Congress can "cut at least 10 percent off our spending more than 40 billions a year."

## Prisoners Freed

Asuncion, Paraguay, Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Police Chief Epifanio Mendez announced today that Paraguay's last political prisoner was released Christmas Eve, making good President Federico Chavez's promise to free all political offenders.

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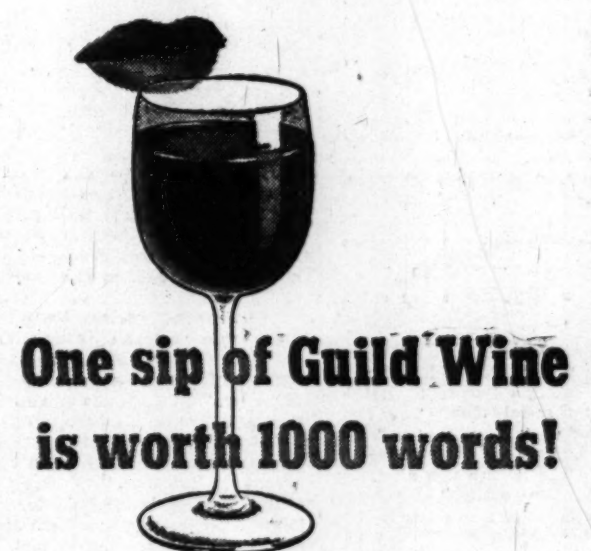
By The Associated Press

Two heifer calves, known simply as SX-47 and SX-48, are getting a lot of attention at the Government's Beltsville, Md., farm these days.

The calves are one-quarter Jersey and three-quarters Red Sindhi—the latter being a milking strain of Brahman cattle of India.

A Department of Agriculture announcement yesterday said SX-47 and SX-48 are the first cross-bred calves born in the United States that carry a predominance of Red Sindhi blood. Their arrival a few days ago marked the beginning of the second generation of a long-time breeding experiment to develop better dairy cattle for the South.

Both calves have a slight hump over the shoulder and the large ears of the Red Sindhi, but resemble the Jersey breed in color. SX-47 and SX-48 will be shipped eventually to Jeanerette, La., where the Bureau of Dairy Industry is trying to develop breeding methods that will combine the heat-resistant characteristics of the Red Sindhi and the milking qualities of the Jersey and other native strains.



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## Labor League Lists 107 Congress 'Foes'

The American Federation of Labor yesterday published a list of 107 Congress members whom it described as having "opposed the best interests of workers, farmers and small businessmen" this year.

The list, including 26 Senators and 81 Representatives, appeared in a weekly paper. The League Reporter published by Labor's League for Political Education, which is the political arm of the AFL.

The newspaper said the 26 Senators failed to vote right on "even one" of these three issues:

1. The Taft-Smith-Connell omnibus amendment to labor legislation, which the labor organ said would have repealed the Taft-Hartley Labor Law "in name only."

It said the measure passed the Senate 49 to 44 and "a vote cast for this bill was a vote cast against the interests of workers."

2. Taft amendment to the housing bill, which it said would have "eliminated aid for farm housing from the measure."

The newspaper said the amendment was rejected 41-30 and "a vote against the interests of farmers."

3. Appointment of John Carson to the Federal Trade Commission, Carson foe of "Big Business."

"Carson is a friend of cooperatives and small business," the publication said. "Big business opposed Carson. He was approved 45-25. A vote against Carson was a vote against the interests of small businessmen."

It went on to say that the 81 Representatives "failed to vote right at least once" on three key issues.

In this category, the newspaper noted:

1. Recommitment of the "anti-labor" Wood bill, which it said was killed by a vote of 212-209. It said a vote against recommitment

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## Flying Disks Interplanetary, Magazine Story Theorizes

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—A monthly magazine says the so-called flying saucers are real and are used by visitors from another planet, but the Air Force says it does not support this view.

"Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet," said an Air Force spokesman today.

The report that the saucers are vehicles for systematic observation of the Earth by visitors from other planets is contained in an article by Donald E. Keyhoe in the January issue of True, published by Fawcett Publications, Inc.

Keyhoe says True "learned that a rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'Project Saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

True says Air Force investigators in Project Saucer, charged with solving the mystery, "are receiving and evaluating sighting reports at the rate of 12 a month."

The project, Keyhoe says, has received approximately 300 reports of the sighting of strange objects in the sky.

The True article says: "In an interview with Dr. J. A. Hynek, a project astronomer, a True investigator learned that 17 percent have been ascribed to stars, planets, meteors, etc. Dr. Hynek believed that perhaps more can be thus explained."

"However, he refused even to hazard a guess as to what the remaining large number of sighted objects might be."

The flying disks, True says, "vary in no important particular from well-developed American plans for exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years. There is reason to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of two and a quarter centuries ahead of us."

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Dr. Cox has also supervised the conversion of rubber plants to the manufacture of "cold rubber," an important product in the development of improved tires.

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## Preventing Sex Offenses

"The sex criminal," FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover declared recently, "has replaced the kidnaper as a threat to the peace of mind of the parents of America." Newspapers bear daily witness to the validity of this assertion. And crime statistics, which reveal an increase in the number of sex offenses since the war, while most other types of crime have been diminishing, show that this cannot be blamed entirely on journalistic sensationalism. It is attributable in part, perhaps, to improved crime reporting and to a greater willingness on the part of the public to report offenses of this kind to the authorities. But in any case the situation is one that very urgently needs correction.

It is a situation in which cure is the best form of prevention. Mr. Hoover has stated that the dangerous sex criminal invariably gives evidence of his tendencies in minor offenses which come to the attention of the police before he commits a crime of violence. And he believes that State laws ought to provide for medical and psychiatric treatment of offenders and incarceration for those who are hopelessly incurable. But under most State laws at present the person convicted of a sex crime will serve his sentence without any attempt being made to determine the cause of his conduct or to remedy his condition. Thus, at the end of his term—a short one if the offense is minor—he will leave prison as much a menace to society as when he entered. Only in the District of Columbia and 11 States has a serious attempt been made to protect the public from habitual sex offenders through sexual psychopath statutes.

Mr. Hoover has suggested that parents can help to prevent sex crimes, as well as to protect their children, by warning boys and girls against the advances of sex deviates. It is perfectly possible to do this without frightening a child. The warning can be given, as psychiatrists have advised, in terms of illness—pointing out that some people are sick in a way that makes them want to do harmful things and that it is wise, therefore, to refrain from going anywhere with strangers. There is, besides, general agreement among psychiatrists that ignorance about sex is a basic factor in sex crime and that proper sex instruction is a most valuable kind of armor.

## War Of The Mind

In the tragic event that the cold war with Russia should ever warm up to the shooting phase, the all-important question facing this country would be what kind of war to fight. Powerful evidence that a war of atomic annihilation might actually defeat our purposes is advanced by Wallace Carroll in an article in *Life* entitled "It Takes a Russian to Beat a Russian." Mr. Carroll, a recognized expert in psychological warfare, draws heavily on Hitler's experience to show that aid from disaffected Soviet peoples themselves could be the decisive factor.

It is perhaps easy to place too much stress on possible aid from disaffected elements. A whole generation of Russians knows nothing but Communist teaching, and it has no concept of freedom in the Western sense. Nonetheless, in view of the great differences in ethnology and the important undercurrents of nationalism, it is a fallacy to think of the Soviet Union as a monolith. Mr. Carroll recites how the invading Nazi armies were welcomed in the Ukraine and elsewhere, only to throw away much of the good will that was theirs at the outset. Certain leaders within Germany, however, were keenly aware of the potential among disgruntled minorities, and only Hitler's inflexibility prevented them from capitalizing it. The great Nazi blunders, Mr. Carroll believes, lay in their failure to promise independence to minorities and abolition of collectivized farms.

What Mr. Carroll argues for, if war should come, is a war of limited objectives, accompanied by what he terms "psychological fission." Instead of annihilation, he would have the United States aim at frustrating the aggressive capacity of the enemy by military means and then turning loose forces within the enemy country to complete the work. He pleads for an Air Force to deliver pamphlets and agents as well as bombs. He does not gainsay the possible necessity of atomic bombing—but he would have the United States delimit sanctuaries for potential friends, and give advance warning to inhabitants of cities scheduled for bombing.

If there are possible allies among the polyglot Russian peoples, this would avoid making them fanatical enemies.

Leaving aside the moral advantages in such an approach, there is a deadly practical side. Total destruction and occupation of a country several times the size of the United States would be inordinately difficult, and it might well bankrupt us in the process. Here is some real meat for the National Security Council and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and it is encouraging to know the stress General Bradley places on psychological warfare. Military preparation is still imperative, but our strategists should not become so infatuated with weapons that they forget that people, and not weapons, are the most important element in any war.

## Paying For Traffic

Washington's traffic congestion problem is many-faceted. In previous editorials we have sought to show that, if the city's orderly growth is not to be impeded, radical and comprehensive measures are necessary. Such measures include not only more express highways, grade separations and better use of existing streets, but also more fringe parking, faster public transportation, and a further staggering of working hours. The sad fact is, however, that there is not sufficient money to go ahead with many of the most urgent improvements at the pace the problem demands.

Some improvements, to be sure, require more initiative and determination than money. For example, if the Motor Vehicle Parking Agency and the District Commissioners were to use their existing powers in an intensive effort to tackle fringe parking, the difficulties should not be insurmountable. If the issue were properly presented to merchants, perhaps they would bear a large portion of the cost. Similarly, the Traffic Department could designate more one-way and express streets at small expense. More express streets, plus cooperation of outlying regulatory bodies, should permit more express bus service.

But on capital improvements such as highways and bridges, the District must get along on about 5 million dollars a year derived from the gasoline tax and license fees, plus about 2½ million from Federal matching funds. The inadequacy of this amount may be seen from the cost of single items in the construction program. The completed section of the Whitehurst Freeway has cost \$3,400,000. The Dupont Circle overpass will cost 4 million; the South Capitol st. bridge 5 million, the 14th st. bridge 5½ million.

The aggregate of urgent new improvements—another Anacostia River bridge, a grade separation at 15th and H sts. ne., the various freeways—makes the available funds look piddling by comparison. And, of course, not all highway and traffic funds can be devoted to such construction. Modernization of the traffic signal system, as just one item, is a must, and yet the money provided in the 1950 budget will take care of only about 12 intersections.

What can be done? For one thing, the talk of lowering the gasoline tax to 3 cents a gallon can be dismissed as foolish. Congress recognized the extraordinary need for highway improvements when it raised the tax to 4 cents for a five-year period beginning in 1947. At 4 cents the District has one of the lowest gasoline taxes in the country. Maryland has a 5-cent tax, and Virginia 6 cents. The District tax could be boosted another cent without discrimination. Such use taxes are among the fairest in existence, and the persons who pay them benefit by better highways.

Gasoline taxes alone, however, will not raise sufficient money in time to proceed rapidly. As one additional means, we think the Commissioners ought to consider seriously requesting Congress for authority to meet necessary improvements through bond issues or Treasury loans. A pay-as-you-go policy is admirable for cities of stable population and needs; but the growth of the Washington area has been so phenomenal that ordinary methods simply mean stagnation. Bond issues have helped many other cities meet pressing highway needs.

Finally, the nature of the problem points to the necessity of more Federal help. An illustration is the fact that nearly 60 percent of the traffic crossing District boundaries originates in Virginia and Maryland; there has been a 30 percent increase in cars crossing the Potomac in just two years. The Chief Engineer of the Maryland State Roads Commission estimates that some 48 million dollars is required to complete necessary modernization in the Maryland portion of the metropolitan area; yet only about one million dollars a year is available. In Virginia, some 16 million dollars is needed, and the State can supply only about \$400,000 a year, including present Federal aid. The fact is that these improvements are an interstate matter, larger than the capacity of any single jurisdiction to meet. The large proportion of nontaxable property in the District and the limited sources of revenue are ample justification for putting the problem up to Congress after the District has done what it can to help itself.

But Congress alone cannot rescue metropolitan Washington from its traffic dilemma. Leadership and initiative are the prime requisites, and the Commissioners, as the representatives of the principal entity in the area, ought to supply that leadership. Piecemeal action yields piecemeal results. Perhaps the city should have some sort of semi-official metropolitan traffic and transit authority, including representatives of all major communities and the Federal Government, charged with developing a coordi-

nated program for simultaneous action on the many necessary fronts. As respects traffic congestion, the metropolitan area is one city. And when it is nobody's problem, as now seems to be the case, traffic is everybody's headache.

## Indonesia

The United States of Indonesia, which celebrates today its formal establishment as a sovereign nation, is the seventh independent country to be created since the war. India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, the Philippines and Israel preceded it in the attainment of independence. The Indonesians, after some three centuries of Dutch rule and a bitter struggle for freedom, resolved at last through the good offices of the United Nations, now take their place as an equal partner with the Netherlands under the Netherlands crown.

Although it will operate under a parliamentary system, the new nation will be, like the United States of America, a federal republic. And it is interesting that the two principal political parties at the outset of its nationhood are known as the Federalist and the Republican. The latter outnumber the former eleven to five in the cabinet just formed. Sixteen states make up the union, and the largest of them, the Republic of Indonesia, which embraces the islands of Java and Sumatra and which led the fight to overthrow Dutch rule, has a place of predominance in the new government comparable to that of Virginia's in the earliest days of the American Union. Dr. Soekarno will serve as the first President of the new nation; Dr. Hatta as its Premier.

The United States of Indonesia gives every promise of moving in the direction of freedom, progressivism and democracy. A little more than a year ago it dealt with, and overcame, a Communist uprising in Java. Its complete independence of Moscow was handsomely attested just lately when Russia twice vetoed a Security Council resolution to congratulate the Indonesians and the Dutch on the peaceful adjustment of their differences. This undoubtedly indicates that Russia will block the U.S.'s application for membership in the United Nations. But there will certainly be sympathy and support for the Indonesians, especially in the economic sphere where American aid is vitally needed, on the part of the Western democracies. If the Indonesians display a capacity for government equal to their statesmanship in external affairs, the new union should have a splendid future. We congratulate its people and wish them all good fortune.

## Bucolic Revival

A wave of yearning for the rustic past seems to be sweeping the country. The old-time country doctor becomes the rallying standard of the American Medical Association in its fight against national health insurance. Prominent members of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report meeting in Washington pose for photographers around a cracker barrel in front of a pot-bellied stove. The Republicans prepare to hold a mammoth box supper in the Capital. General Eisenhower talks about farm-boy thrift and the value of a taste for hot dogs and beer. If this keeps up, what may we expect in the 1950 campaign? A modernized version of the log-cabin crusade of 1840 that swept the country gentleman, William Henry Harrison, into the White House and ousted the smart and alleged luxury-loving New Yorker, Martin Van Buren?

Franklin D. Roosevelt seemingly broke the hold of the plowboy theme on politics, but a year ago President Truman demonstrated its vitality in his victory over Thomas E. Dewey—of New York. Yet many of those now promoting the earlier pastoral approach to public affairs are opposed to much of what President Truman stands for. It is likely that both parties will be judged, by rural voters at least, more by their farm planks than their slogans and posters. Yet the cracker-barrel motif will have its drawing power, even with the constantly increasing numbers of city voters. For it is becoming, like the romance of ante-bellum days, one of our national nostalgias.

## Waiting For The Cut

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, a good many merchants who sell fur, jewelry and other luxury goods are convinced that President Truman's hints of impending reduction or repeal of excise taxes on such products is bad for business. Talking about repeal, they say, leads to postponement of buying and cancellation of orders. This gloomy reaction to a proposal urged on behalf of purveyors of luxury goods who complain bitterly that high excise taxes reduce their sales is, after all, not surprising. For it is common practice for the public to curtail buying of goods, taxed or untaxed, when there is reason to believe that prices will decline.

The chief cause of complaint in the present instance is that the President chose to make his announcement during the pre-Christmas buying rush, and scared off customers made excise-conscious by repeal rumors. The timing was undoubtedly unfortunate, but the business groups who have been appealing for action cannot hope to succeed in their campaign for excise-tax repeal without undergoing disturbances caused by preliminary discussion of such proposals. To stop talking about it, as the head of one jewelry firm suggested, would result in nothing being done. Under present conditions, indeed, with the budget unbalanced, this newspaper believes that inaction is the wiser policy unless substitute sources of revenue can be found.



## Letters To The Editor

### Central High School

The Washington Post on December 16 published a letter headed "Cardozo Transfer" and signed by Leon A. Thompson, president of Garfield-Highway Heights Citizens Association. In paragraph four he states that "the fact is... the first Central was the old red brick school at 7th and O sts., now occupied by Negro students. Further, the present Central is in a Negro neighborhood almost completely surrounded by Negro residents."

In reality, the fact is that the old Central building at 7th and O sts. is now occupied by the Bell Vocational High School Annex, the only all-boys vocational high school in Washington for white students.

As to the neighborhood, Central is bounded on the east by Garfield Hospital, on the west by Clifton Terrace and another apartment to the south on 11th st. White residents occupy both apartments. It is bounded on the north by a row of dwellings and one apartment, all again occupied by white residents. "Almost surrounded" must mean that to the south of the school there are and have been for years colored establishments and dwellings, separated from the school building by the entire width of the stadium and playing fields, and hardly visible from the school.

Let it be admitted that the orchestra sounds better under Mr. Mitchell than under the late Mr. Kindler, if only because we are rid of the rhythmic and emotional distortions which characterized Kindler's "readings." Mr. Mitchell is an earnest, well-meaning musician, who strives to realize the composer's intention, and who is scarcely to be blamed because he could not overnight rise to impressive stature.

Conductors need years of schooling and experience in conducting to acquire technique and insight. We waited for years while Kindler was learning—there are the unrepentant who maintain he never did learn—and we should not again be compelled to wait while Mr. Mitchell masters the art. Assuming ultimate technical competence, he has yet to demonstrate the magic of personality that fires a great performance.

It is high time that Washington be permitted to hear great performances from its own orchestra. The essence of great music-making is the art of communicating the sense of delight and excitement that great music engenders in towering spirits. Beecham and Szell illustrated afresh the joy of sharing great experience that has too long been absent from our halls.

RAOUL BERGER  
Washington.

### Third Force

In his December 19 column on "Indian Foreign Policy," Walter Lippmann advances the theory that in its formative stages a nation normally adopts an independent and isolationist course in foreign affairs and then enters the American experiment. The problem goes much deeper than such "logical" approach and involves basically a human situation which is threatened with deterioration by the existing international tension.

The United States and the Soviet Union in postwar years have been expanding their "security zones" to the extent of including all except those which have developed into "crisis" areas, i.e., the Near and Middle East, India, Korea, South Asia, Iran, Yugoslavia, Germany, and to a lesser extent—Sweden and Japan. The psychological strain which the peoples of these areas experience is a more convincing reason for following this "independent" course and trying to "keep out of the cold war."

"Asia," as Prof. Owen Lattimore wrote, "is in a state of revolution," and I think this very fact explains the motive behind the Third Force. This force is not an effort to compromise between the Communist and non-Communist world. It is a refusal to be regimented into a situation of choosing between two alternatives. It is an intrinsic belief that what is being branded as selfish isolation and pure nationalism is a path in minimizing the areas of conflict and a reminder that, however powerful the atomic bomb might be, it is not powerful enough to intimidate the force of the human conscience in its process of assertion to stagnation and abandonment of its role.

This is why Nehru in India, Kamal Djumlat and Dr. George Hanna in the Arab world, Crossman in England and various democratic and Socialist groups in France and Italy and even some Communists in the Balkans are spearheading this very significant aspect of development. It is not because many of these nations are in their formative stages only, but because the

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choice between two imposed alternatives means the subservience of the human mind.  
CLOVIS MCSOUD.  
Washington.

### Symphony Conductor

By their hasty reappointment of Howard Mitchell as conductor, the trustees of the National Symphony Orchestra have made a mess of an opportunity at long last to give Washington major-league orchestral concerts.

It is a commonplace that great conductors make great orchestras, as Hilgerson long ago taught in Boston, and as the recent concerts of Beecham and Szell taught us anew. Thus Beecham lent to our orchestra a transparency, an elasticity of sound and nuance, a sparkling grace that made our orchestra almost unrecognizable. Szell molded the same orchestra into an instrument of dramatic intensity and fire which delivered itself of the complex Till Eulenspiegel with masterly clarity and elan.

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Washington.

### Forced Looking

We are now compelled, by PUC ruling, to listen to music and commercials in public conveyances. At the Freedom Fair we are to be compelled to look at the exhibits. We are told that the maze-like corridors of the Freedom Fair Building will guarantee "involuntary viewing of at least 75 percent of all exhibits." This is an endeavor to lure commercial exhibits at fancy prices.

Poor Joe Citizen has no escape. Once inside the buildings he must follow the line of traffic. He cannot turn back.

Anyone who has ever attended one of these extravaganzas knows that along with much that is worthwhile, there is considerable trash. It seems to me to be an infringement on one's personal rights to be forced to view the trash along with what is worthwhile.

JOHN HART.  
Washington.

### Transit Dilemma

It was only a short time ago that you published as first-page news that certain capitalists—identified as being domiciled in the State of Florida—were interested in investing extensively in the securities of Capital Transit. Such investments were finally consummated. It is reasonable to assume that these investors made their purchases of the securities only after a careful survey of potential yields.

It is also reasonable to assume, based on well-known experiences of other industries, that an increase in operating costs, including the wages of labor, was foreseen as inevitable. The question that many of us are asking is, what has happened to CTC since these Florida investors surveyed its financial situation and found it adequately sound to justify the stock purchases?

Surely recently increased wages and the relatively light falling off in riders is not the answer on the whole. The decrease in riders is doubtless due in some degree to the lack of a comprehensive understanding of the attitude of riders. Many recent enforced listening to radio advertising. Further, those who have expressed their dislikes for it have been classified as neurotics by the attorneys for the CTC and the rather mediocre broadcasting station. In other words, could it be that CTC's public relations policy is ineffective?

H. J. ARNETT.  
Washington.

Anent Capital Transit's conspicuous—and would-be subtle, I assume—ad in your December 21 issue: Is it not the people who are being squeezed and not the so-called turnip?

JOHN R. GILMORE.  
Washington.

### Perspective on Loyalty

The present temper of national hysteria brings to mind something Mark Twain wrote in his book, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*:

"You see, my kind of loyalty to one's country, not to its institutions or its officeholders. The country is the real thing, the substantial thing, the eternal thing; institutions are extraneous, they are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease and death. To be loyal to rags, to shout for rags, to worship rags, to die for rags—that is a loyalty of unreason."

"I was from Connecticut, whose constitution declares that all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit; and that they have at all times an undeniable and indefeasible right to alter their form of government in such a manner as they might think expedient."

"Under that gospel, the citizen who thinks he sees that the commonwealth's political clothes are worn out, and yet holds his peace and does not agitate for a new suit, is disloyal; he is a traitor. That he may be the only one who thinks he sees this decay, does not excuse him; it is his duty to agitate anyway, and it is the duty of the others to vote him down if they do not see the matter as he does."

Mr. Twain's advice should be considered in its true perspective, in spite of opposition from the extreme right to maintain a status quo. His advice should be even more encouraging to those of us who believe social democracy and welfare capitalism will win at the polls in 1950.

JOSEPH A. PRACHAR.  
Berwyn, Ill.

## Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

### Hopeful Democrats

THE LEGISLATIVE strategy that President Truman has brought back from Key West has two strikingly interesting features. It is, first of all, a strategy based upon the rigidity, not to say stupidity, of the Republicans. And second, it is aimed, not to pass any great program in the closing session of the Eighty-first Congress, but to gain for the White House unchallenged control of the Eighty-second Congress.

In essence, the President means to present himself as the fighting champion of three great voting groups, and to make the Republicans seem to be the enemies of these groups. The three voting groups—organized labor, the farmers and the Negroes—are then expected to evince their gratitude to the Administration, and their displeasure with the Republicans, at the polls next November. And all this is to be accomplished without the passage of any legislation whatever.

The instruments of this political miracle are of course to be the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, the civil rights program, and the farm plan of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan. The President will strongly insist upon all three, in his forthcoming message on the state of the union.

The Congress, still dominated by the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition, will then refuse to take action on any of these great measures. (Nothing could upset the White House more, indeed, than for the lawmakers to bow to the presidential will at this time.) And thus all three issues will valuably survive into the off-year election, to rally the farmers, the workers and the Negroes to the Democratic cause.

IT IS quite openly admitted that the President will only renew his demand for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act as a mere matter of form. In fact, Administration tacticians do not want the Senate and House to become embroiled in a long effort to write a substitute labor law, which the President will veto in any case. The labor groups themselves are resigned to waiting out this session, and then getting the hated statute expunged from the books, and an entirely new law written, in 1951.

As for the civil rights program, the position is a bit more complicated. Some of the White House's allies on the left, particularly in the ranks of labor, would prefer the less controversial anti-poll tax bill to be given first priority.

This is because an increasing number of Southern members of Congress, especially in the House, are voting for the Fair Deal on labor legislation. For instance, the astonishingly high proportion of almost half of the Southern Representatives had good records at the last session, by the CIO count. It is desired to reverse this trend, which will naturally be reversed by another violent civil rights fight.

None the less, the temptation to press the exceedingly controversial Fair Employment Practices Act now appears to be almost irresistible. Among the Northern Negro voters, this is the real shibboleth.

At the White House, they will tell you that the Negro Democratic vote in each of the key States that gave Truman the election exceeded the majority by which he won in those States. Senator Robert A. Taft and other leading Republicans are on record against FEPC, and making FEPC the issue in the easiest way to pin the Dixiecrat label on these Republicans, who are already somewhat compromised by the Wherry-Russell alliance of last session. Pressing FEPC will of course lead to nothing but an interminable Senate filibuster, but that does not matter.

FINALLY, on the Brannan farm plan, the Administration apparently means to take the offensive in the most decisive way possible. A direct attack will be made upon the American Farm Bureau Federation, the farm group which has led the opposition to the Brannan plan.

The Republican-tinged Farm Bureau, dominated from the first by the large farmers, has long enjoyed an extraordinary privilege. The Farm Bureau by law has dominated the county agents who represent the Agriculture Department in many rural counties. President Truman will now ask for the abrogation of the Farm Bureau privilege, quite reasonably arguing that it is too much like letting the CIO name local officials of the Labor Department. Here again, the President is unlikely to win this round, but that does not worry the White House.

There is, in truth, only one question still open about the validity of the White House strategy. Will it really rally the large voting groups at which it is aimed? If Dr. Gallup's poll has regained any reliability, the President's hopes are certainly well-founded. A recent test showed that immense majorities of every voting group except the business and professional class are now convinced that the Democrats are their champions and the Republicans are their enemies. And if this is already true, the President has only to strengthen these voters' conviction, and the Republicans will have a very hard time indeed.



# Today And Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

## India, Britain, And America

LONDON.—Again and again I was asked by Indian officials, businessmen, bankers, and journalists what were the prospects and what would be the conditions of large American investment. The stock answers about stable governments, balanced budgets, convertibility, expropriation, and no discrimination tend, I gradually came to realize, to be circular. In fact they beg the question. For the favorable conditions of investment are not likely to be created by a government which depends on the vote of the masses unless it already commands sufficient resources to govern efficiently and allay inordinate popular discontent.

Lippmann

ONE FINDS that Indian expectations rest on two assumptions. The one is that the United States will make available large amounts of new capital through public credits and private investment. The other assumption is that the United Kingdom will continue to pay off her war debts—the so-called sterling balances—at something like the rate in recent years.

Very few Indians, and very few Americans except specialists in the subject, have as yet understood that the continued flow of British supplies cannot be taken for granted nor, I think, do they realize that America is already involved in what they treat as a purely British-Indian affair, or that however important new American capital may be for the long run, the pressing and practical question is how to avert the disaster of cutting off or reducing radically the existing flow of imports.

YET IT IS clear, I think, that the Indian financial problem cannot be treated in separate compartments—as British-Indian for imports financed by the sterling balances, as United States-Indian for new capital. This separation fails to take account of the fact that Britain's capacity to pay off sterling balances to India is a function of American aid to Britain. For the counterpart funds—that is to say the sterling acquired by the British government from the sale of American goods under ERP—are used to finance the

repayment of the sterling debts to India and to other sterling creditors. Therefore, though India, as well as Pakistan, Egypt and the other sterling creditors, are not formally within the Marshall Plan, they would not have been able to finance their overseas requirements if the United States had not helped to finance Great Britain.

IN ITS immediate and urgent phase the Indian problem is a three-cornered affair in which America as well as Britain is directly involved. When we strip the question down to the ultimate issues, the crux of it is whether American aid, which now reaches India via Britain, is to be cut down or cut off, or is to be continued via Britain, or is to be provided directly from the United States to India.

The idea of cutting off the aid has to be washed out of our minds if there is to be any hope of stable government in Southern Asia. The task of governing at all is, as I have tried to indicate in previous articles, formidable to a degree which one shrinks from defining too specifically. Government would be impossible, and anarchy would certainly be the consequence, if the meager supplies which are now flowing to Southern Asia were cut off. We have no choice but to continue our aid on at least the present scale.

WE DO, however, have a choice as to how the aid is to be provided. We shall have to make that choice during the coming year. The easy way would be to continue paying ERP to Britain, letting her pass it on in the form of "unrequited" exports to her sterling creditors. But this easy way is politically objectionable that it would make Britain a kind of fiscal and managing agent for the United States in South Asia.

The other way is harder in that it calls for intellectual effort, new ideas and bold decisions both in London and in Washington. It would be to do directly what we have been doing indirectly. That would mean that we ourselves provided dollar credits to India and to some of the other sterling creditors for current account and through the World Bank for capital development. In return India would have to cancel equivalent amounts of the sterling balances, or at least fund them leniently over a long period. Britain, in return, for the

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Sorry, madam... but anything that lasts 48 hours after Christmas morning is considered to have been an unbreakable toy."

reduction of her debt, would forgo the equivalent amount of Marshall aid.

IN A settlement of this kind it might be possible to terminate Marshall aid to Britain this year. The possibility, I hasten to add, does not exist now for France, Italy and some other ERP countries which still depend on Marshall aid for their capital development. But for Britain it may be possible to end direct Marshall aid provided equal amounts of direct aid are extended instead to India and some other countries in the form of dollar credits that are open to free competition.

There is a great deal to be said for so bold a move. It would put an end to the undesirable relationship in which Britain, on the one hand our partner, is also our client. It would put an end to the situation in which such considerable British exports are protected because they are financed from the sterling balances. It would subject British industry and labor to the test of free competition in the world markets.

There are risks in this. But the British recovery, together with the devaluation, may be sufficient to justify the conclusion that the risks of competition can be faced, that the debilitating effects of living too long a sheltered and subsidized existence can be ended. The bolder spirits, who may well also be the wiser ones, would say that the risks of competition should be met now, rather than to wait softly in the hope that some day there will be no risks.

## Rebuilding of Passenger Fleet Expected to Progress in 1950

New York, Dec. 28 (AP)—The private owners, the same status as American Merchant Marine achieved some stability this year in its postwar readjustment and hopes next year to rebuild much of its war-hammered passenger fleet, President Frank J. Taylor of the American Merchant Marine Institute, Inc., said today.

The passenger liner fleet, which consisted of 131 vessels before the war, suffered heavily during hostilities and now floats less than 50 ships, Taylor said in a year's end report.

But American shipping "looks forward in 1950 to making great progress in rebuilding its passenger fleet, the lone deficiency in a well-balanced fleet," Taylor said.

The entire active merchant marine fleet now consists of approximately 1350 ships of 18 million deadweight tons, he said. Of these 1200 are privately owned. The others are chartered from the United States Maritime Commission.

200 Chartered Ships Returned But 200 chartered ships were returned to the Maritime Commission this year, and in 1950, Taylor said, "it is expected that most of the remaining chartered ships will cease operation and American-flag operation will be mainly by

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## Duchess Denies Job-Hunt 'Rumor'

New York, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Duchess of Windsor arrived from Europe today with the Duke and she is not job-hunting. "I'm afraid that's just a rumor," she said of reports that she was looking for a job. Their arrival on the Queen Elizabeth was the couple's first visit which were announced today.



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## Political Economy

By Ysabel and Robert Rennie

### Cost of Security

OUR armed defense is a little like The Man Who Came to Dinner. It dropped in for a short, inexpensive visit back in 1940, and it is still costing us more than 19 billion dollars a year. This figure is a rough current estimate for Army, Navy, Air Force, atomic energy, ECA, military aid to Europe, and the costs of occupation in Germany and Japan.

The Committee for Economic Development, which is a research and policy organization supported by forward-looking businessmen, puts it this way: "The fear of war may dominate our lives for a generation."

Our problem, as they see it, is how to live with cold war without letting it freeze the marrow of democracy. "When we increase the share of our resources devoted to armaments, we unavoidably enlarge the scope of government in industry, in politics, in science and education, and in every sphere of life."

This is true, and it is disturbing. Nineteen billion dollars represents cut-rate security bought by an economy-minded Secretary of Defense. Our minds have been dulled by long acquaintance with multi-digit figures; even so, for a year of "peace" the sum is enormous. Where does it come from, where does it go, and—most important—what does it mean to our lives, our jobs and our traditional freedoms?

THERE is an old saying that he who pays the piper calls the tune. Defense money buys food and machinery, builds houses, ships and planes, dredges rivers and harbors, lays out air fields, provides orders for factories, money for workers and research funds for our universities. It reaches into so many lives, businesses and fields of thought that at some point it touches almost all of us.

Our whole economy has become subtly enmeshed, and for our lifetime may continue to be so. We take these defense billions out of one pocket and put them into another; but in the process certain significant things happen.

All of us do not share equally in the burden. Most of our Federal taxes come from levies on individual and corporate incomes. These charges fall most heavily on the middle and upper income brackets which normally are our big savers. The Government takes this money and spends it on income-generating defense projects. Much of it finds its way into the pockets of lower-income groups: construction workers, shipyard workers, steel workers, lumberjacks and the men of the armed forces themselves.

In these postwar years, our defense outlays have been highly

inflationary because they competed with a civilian economy which was plagued by shortages. They directly bid up the prices of steel, cement and aluminum and raised our living costs. At the same time they had a secondary impact which was no less important. By raising the expectations of businessmen, they helped contribute to the huge boom in investment expenditures.

BUT we may well be living with this defense Goliath for a generation. What will the load mean to us when national income is falling?

Our income taxes have this peculiar feature: when national income drops, tax receipts drop relatively faster and further. This is because millions of us will be downgraded into income brackets where the tax rate is lower. Not only shall we be paying smaller taxes, we shall be paying a smaller share of our income in taxes.

Just as Pavlov's dog drooled at the sound of a dinner bell, Congress reacts instinctively to falling revenues by cutting expenditures. Today, however, it is faced with a new situation. The cost of wars hot and cold, past and present, is today running at the rate of 30 billion dollars a year, and this is a sum that is almost impossible to whittle down.

The conditions we shall encounter on the next business downturn will be new in our history. We shall have heavy continuing outlays to bolster the level of effective demand and our flexibly lower taxes will permit us to spend a larger proportion of our incomes. Both these factors are counter-deflationary. They will set a higher floor under our depressions than has ever been there before. It is most unlikely that our total real income can ever again drop to the level of the 1930s.

DOES this mean that defense outlays are a gain to the economy?

Not quite. Even, common sense should tell us that equivalent sums for decent housing or health would be better spent. Most of what we buy for national defense can be neither eaten, worn nor lived in.

This money is our national insurance policy. Whether it's worth the candle depends on its quality and its cost. The better the quality, the less likely it ever will be tested, for that defense is best which keeps the peace.

As for cost, the American people will shoulder what is needed to defend their freedom. What they fear is that freedom itself may be the eventual price for living in a world beset by fear.

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## Capitol Plans Heavy List of Investigations

By the United Press  
Congress will face a heavy schedule of special investigations in addition to its regular legislative chores when it returns to work next week.

The legislators have lined up a long list of inquiries ranging from Russian A-bomb espionage to the price of steel.

Others will cover such matters as lobbyists who try to influence legislation, people who take commissions for getting clients Government contracts, monopoly, food prices and possibly military unification policies.

The first major inquiry of the new session is scheduled to open January 15 when a special House committee will begin looking into lobbying in such legislative fields as medicine, housing and Social Security.

Chairman Frank Buchanan (D., Pa.) wants to know whether there are loopholes in the Federal lobbying laws that need plugging.

The joint congressional economic committee and the House Judiciary Committee also plan inquiries next month into the recent \$4-a-ton price increases announced by the major steel producers.

If the Congressmen decide the increases were unjustified, they could urge higher corporation and undistributed profits taxes. But any final action would be up to the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

President Benjamin Fairless of United States Steel, biggest of the steelmakers, will be the star witness. He has promised a vigorous statement.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities will resume its check into claims by former Air Force Major George Racey Jordan that Russia obtained uranium and secret documents during the war via the Alaskan lend-lease pipeline.

Groves to Appear Again

Retired Lieut. Gen. Leslie B. Groves, wartime head of the A-bomb project, knocked holes in some of Jordan's testimony when he appeared before the committee. He said later, however, that he would have given a more complete picture of uranium shipments to Russia if he had been asked different questions.

Both Jordan and Groves will be recalled later to expand on their stories, but no definite date has been fixed.

Former Vice President Henry A. Wallace also has been promised an opportunity at some indefinite date to answer charges by radio commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., that he "cleared" atomic shipments to Russia.

Wallace has flatly denied the accusation.

Another investigation may center on segregation in the armed forces. Representative Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) has charged that the practice is propaganda fodder for the Communists. He will seek an inquiry as soon as Congress returns.

Unification Row Simmers

There is about a 50-50 chance that the House Armed Services Committee will renew its investigation of charges by the admirals that the Navy is faring badly under the unification law.

Before leaving for his new West Coast assignment, Navy Capt. John G. Crommelin, who blew the lid off the interservice row, said he was confident public opinion would force the committee to resume its hearings.

The matter could come up when the Congressmen consider the nomination of Admiral Forrest P. Sherman to be Chief of Naval Operations. He succeeded Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, who was kicked out for backing the admirals in their fight.

The House Commerce Committee will see whether a recent flurry of airplane crashes means that the Government's air traffic control system needs overhauling. There will be strong pressure for the creation of an independent air safety board such as the Airline Pilots Association (AFL) is seeking.

A Senate Agriculture Subcommittee headed by Chairman Guy M. Gillette (D., Iowa) is marking time on its investigation into the recent sharp rise in retail coffee prices. But Gillette has warned that the inquiry will be reopened if prices continue to climb.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey (D., N. C.) also has promised Republican members of his Senate Executive Expenditures Subcommittee that he will reopen the investigation in the Capital's "five percenters"—agents who claim they can get Government contracts for a fee.

The House Judiciary Committee also must clean up an investigation of monopoly that it began last fall but didn't complete.

## Miss Truman Unveils Gift . . .



The President's daughter looks at statue of Andrew Jackson.

TRUMAN—From Page 1

## Truman Wins 15-Year Battle, Unloads 'Old Hickory' Statue

out a very small job. Then a life-sized one, and finally the double-sized one that now stands in Kansas City.

He gave the miniature and the life-sized ones to Mr. Truman, who yields to no man in his admiration of "Old Hickory."

The smallest one and the largest one offered no problem. Mr. Truman took the little job for his desk and the big one was unveiled in front of the Kansas City court house in 1934 by Margaret.

But it wasn't so simple deciding what to do with the middle-sized one.

"It is not small enough to keep in the house and it is too big to put in anybody's front yard," Mr. Truman said today. It occurred to him, however, that it was "just the right size to go with the Independence court house." So he offered it to several successive

In connection with the erection of that court house, they held an auction of lots in order to raise the money to build the court house and a part of the expense was \$7.50 for four gallons of whisky and tin cups to drink it with, he told the audience.

After the court house ceremonies, Mr. Truman drove into Kansas City and spent some time working in the presidential suite in the Muehlebach Hotel. White House officials said the work was nothing of an urgent nature.

Tonight he planned to drive to Grandview for a short visit with his sister, Miss Mary Jane Truman.

After that, he was to drop in briefly for a cocktail party at the home of old friends, Mrs. Eleanor Minor and Mrs. Grace Minor, who live near the Truman home here.

Trainmen's Strike Leaves Many Stranded

London, Dec. 26 (AP).—A strike by trainmen disgruntled with their holiday working schedule disrupted service on the southern region of the British Railways today.

All suburban trains were canceled and hundreds of persons were stranded in Waterloo Station, London terminus of the southern region.

The walkout involved about 45 of the region's 268 motormen who objected to working on Boxing Day—the traditional British holiday the day after Christmas.

7 Tunnel Out of Prison

Houston, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP).—Seven convicts escaped today from the Huntsville State Penitentiary by tunneling under the walls. They fled in a stolen automobile.

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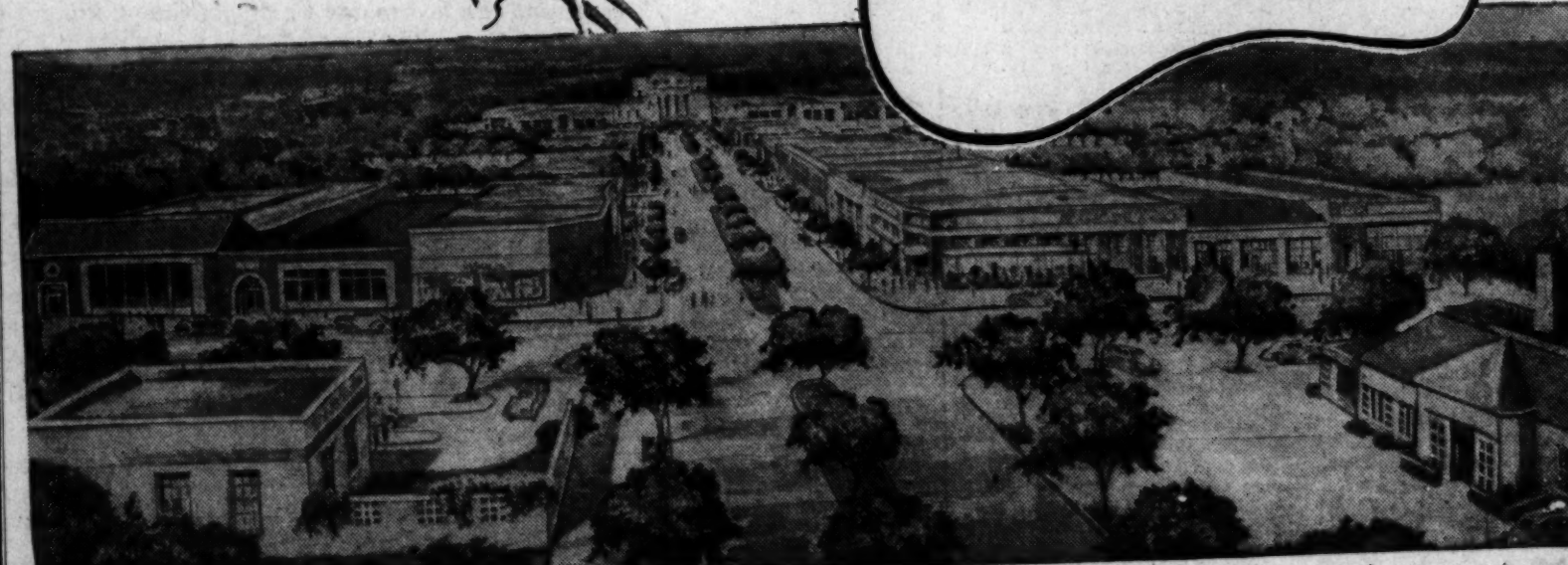
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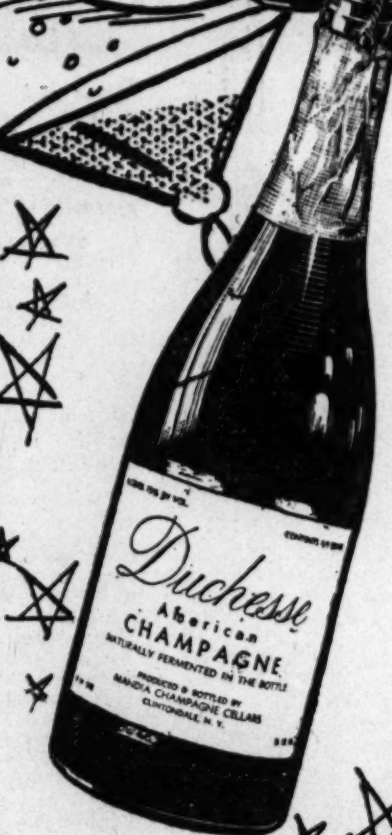
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## TAX—From Page 1

Martin Seeks to Force Vote  
On Repeal of Wartime Excises

guessing on what his specific recommendations will be.

Other Administration sources indicated Mr. Truman may recommend cuts in some wartime excises if other means of making up the lost revenue can be devised.

News "Welcome if Late"  
The Republican House leader referred to what he termed "the recent deluge of statements from Administration spokesmen that perhaps excise taxes will be repealed after all" and called the news "welcome if late."

Martin charged Administration leaders last session "bottled up" his own bill for an excise tax slash. It was introduced in the House on February 2, 1949.

Last June 30 Martin introduced a petition to "discharge" the Ways and Means Committee from further consideration of his bill, in an effort to force it to a House vote. The petition has been signed by 136 House Republicans, but it takes 218 signatures to force a vote.

"I hereby invite Democratic members of the House, who sincerely believe as I do that these taxes should be repealed, to add their signatures to the petition when they return in January, in an effort to pass this legislation in the first month of the coming session," Martin said in a statement.

## "Package Deal" to Fail

"The American people and, I think, a majority of the Congress are in no mood to increase taxes at this time. Any 'package deal' sent to Congress by the White House has next to no chance of enactment. What the American people want is less spending in Washington, not more taxes. The excise tax repeal measure should be considered by itself on its merits."

Congressional Republicans took much the same line in the Eightieth Congress, when they voted the first big postwar cutback in taxes. President Truman blamed the present deficit on that cut, and ever since has been plugging for an over-all increase in taxes on corporations and the rich but with some relief in the lower income brackets.

Mounting Administration sentiment for some excise tax relief meanwhile has been building up. Secretary of Commerce Sawyer has consistently pressed for an excise slash. Recently, Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.) indicated he would favor such a cut if other taxes could be found to replace the lost revenue.

Commenting on the President's own disclosure that excise cuts are under study, Martin said: "This sounds promising but mere sound is frequently deceptive."

The former GOP Speaker said there was "no reason whatsoever" for sidetracking his own bill last session.

The law of diminishing returns had already set in, business was suffering from these unjust levies and people in the affected industries were losing their jobs. This distress pattern still holds true and will continue until these taxes are repealed.

The statements by Administration spokesmen that they are now considering repeal would carry far more encouragement if the record were not already so bad.

Increase Called Depressive  
Martin flatly opposed any increases in taxes to offset the excise cut, saying:

"A tax increase at this time would have a depressive effect on economic conditions generally and might precipitate the country into a tailspin which would cost millions of workers their jobs."

Congress traditionally is lukewarm to tax increases during an election year. One top-ranking Capitol Democrat recently predicted

Bulova Heads New Group  
For Excise Tax Repeal

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—Formation of a group to be known as the National Committee for the Repeal of Wartime Excise Taxes was announced today.

Arbe Bulova, chairman of the board of the Bulova Watch Co., is chairman of the new group.

Other officers include Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, vice chairman; Louis Ruthenberg, chairman of the board of Servel, Inc., vice chairman; H. Leigh Whitelaw, managing director of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, secretary; and James J. Newman, vice president of the B. F. Goodrich Co., treasurer.

Wilson W. Wyatt of Louisville, Ky., former Federal Housing Expediter, was retained as general counsel for the committee.

A statement released by the organization termed "discriminatory" the excise taxes, levied during the war and still retained on such items as transportation, entertainment, "luxury" articles and others.

Pair Calls Off  
21-Year Pact  
To Meet Here

In Hominy, Okla., 21 years ago, a jaunt to the White House steps on New Year's Day, 1930, looked easy to a couple of town blades.

One of them was primed in his dreams for a career in diplomacy in Washington anyway. The other liked a gas. So they set it down in the city clerk's office like this:

"This is to certify that Hugh P. Miller and Paul Barlow do hereby solemnly swear to appear on the White House steps in Washington, D. C. at precisely 12 o'clock, January 1, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty."

"We further swear that if either of us are absent from the said place at said appointed time the absentee will present as a gift to the other party the sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars."

Soon afterward, Miller moved to Portland, Oreg., to become a steel worker. Last month, with the 21-year-old contract still nestled in his wallet, Miller, now 40, became worried, he told the Portland Oregonian.

He couldn't afford to make any trips to Washington to deliver the punch line to a 21-year old gag. He couldn't afford to cough up \$1000 either.

He'd heard from Barlow only once in the 21 years, didn't know where Barlow was, or even if he remembered the pact.

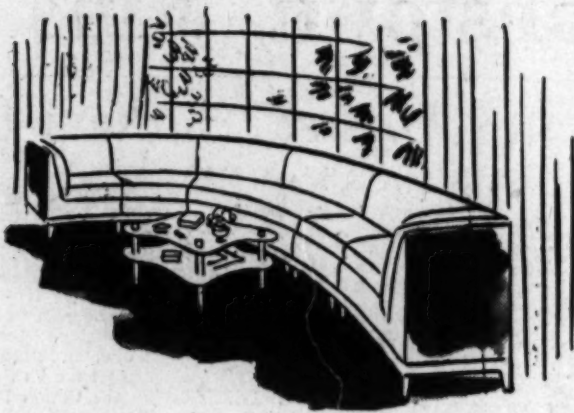
But supposing he's "counting on hooking me for the thousand bucks?" Miller asked the Oregonian.

To his profound relief, Miller found Barlow didn't quite make it to the diplomatic service. He was living in Amarillo, Tex. He, too, was in "modest circumstances." They'd better forget the whole thing, they decided.

Although neither of them knows it, their problems were somewhat academic. White House police said yesterday they couldn't have got past the gates anyway.

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| 79.50  | Turquoise nubby textured fabric, button back, lounge chair, bleached finish.                                                                  | 49.95  |
| 24.00  | Slipper chairs. Choice of red or chartreuse.                                                                                                  | 13.75  |
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| 319.50 | Multiplex bleached mahogany, four-piece utility wall unit.                                                                                    | 249.00 |
| 329.00 | Standbuilt, button tufted sofa.                                                                                                               | 249.00 |
| 298.00 | Urban, two-piece, lipstick red sectional sofa.                                                                                                | 219.00 |
| 119.00 | Decorator's, tub shaped occasional chair. Upholstered in lipstick red with black lacquered legs.                                              | 69.95  |
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## BEDROOM

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| 695.00 | Custom-built, bleached mahogany, six-piece twin bedroom suite.                                                                     | 398.00 |
| 175.00 | Custom-built, five-drawer, bleached mahogany chest.                                                                                | 98.50  |
| 175.00 | Custom-built, bleached mahogany dresser base.                                                                                      | 89.95  |
| 398.00 | Red Lion, cordovan mahogany, three-piece bedroom. Including Mr. and Mrs. Dresser base, six-drawer chest, and double bed.           | 298.00 |
| 575.00 | Red Lion, bleached, custom-built, Prima Vera, three-piece bedroom suite.                                                           | 369.00 |
| 277.00 | Multiplex, bleached mahogany and turquoise, decorator's Mr. and Mrs. seven-drawer dresser base.                                    | 219.00 |
| 174.50 | Multiplex, bleached mahogany, turquoise upholstered headboard, with two attached night tables, for twin bedding.                   | 129.00 |
| 99.50  | Englander twin size box spring and mattress outfit (1 only).                                                                       | 59.95  |
| 321.00 | Solid birch three-piece bedroom suite. Including thirteen-drawer double dresser base, eight-drawer chest on chest and double bed.  | 259.00 |
| 339.00 | Bleached Avidore, three-piece, bedroom. Including dresser with mirror, chest and double headboard for twin bedding.                | 229.00 |
| 315.00 | Bleached, three-piece bedroom. Including dresser with mirror, chest and double bed.                                                | 219.00 |
| 357.00 | Bleached Avidore, three-piece bedroom, including fourteen-drawer double dresser base, chest and double headboard for twin bedding. | 249.00 |
| 159.95 | Three-piece, walnut bedroom, including dresser with mirror, five-drawer chest and double bed.                                      | 119.00 |
| 219.50 | Stewartstown, bleached or cordovan mahogany utility wardrobes.                                                                     | 149.50 |
| 119.00 | Dunlop, pillowfoam (latex cushioning) double size, 4 1/2" thick mattress and box spring outfit.                                    | 99.50  |
| 89.50  | Stewartstown, 36" five-drawer lowboy utility chest. Bleached or cordovan mahogany.                                                 | 69.95  |
| 129.50 | Stewartstown, bleached or cordovan mahogany, seven-drawer chest.                                                                   | 89.95  |
| 65.00  | Twin size innerspring mattress and box spring outfit (one outfit only).                                                            | 49.95  |
| 99.50  | Englander, twin size, innerspring mattress and box spring outfit (mismatched, one outfit only).                                    | 59.95  |
| 24.95  | Walnut utility night table chests.                                                                                                 | 18.75  |
| 69.95  | Englander twin size innerspring decorator's outfits. Including blue, ivory or rose plastic headboard.                              | 55.00  |
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| 589.00 | Red Lion, ten-piece, limed oak, dining room suite.                                                                                     | 475.00 |
| 179.00 | Stewartstown cordovan mahogany, dining room china cabinet.                                                                             | 139.50 |
| 159.50 | Stewartstown, cordovan mahogany, with black lacquered front, nine-drawer, credenza.                                                    | 119.00 |
| 411.00 | Ermine oak, nine-piece dining room suite. Table includes two 10" leaves.                                                               | 319.00 |
| 124.95 | Nubian (black and white) oak china cabinet.                                                                                            | 99.50  |
| 115.00 | Nubian (black and white) oak corner cabinet with glass doors.                                                                          | 89.95  |
| 29.75  | Red Lion Black lacquered, modern spring seat, upholstered seat and back, side chairs.                                                  | 19.95  |
| 425.00 | All oak, fawn finish, nine-piece, junior dining room suite.                                                                            | 329.00 |
| 347.00 | Bleached Korina, nine-piece, junior dining room, suite.                                                                                | 259.00 |
| 89.95  | Oval extension, chrome and plastic, five-piece dinette suites.                                                                         | 69.75  |
| 133.50 | Bleached and lipstick red plastic set of four dining room chairs. Including two sides and two arm chairs.                              | 89.95  |
| 197.00 | Bleached and chartreuse plastic set of six chairs. Including two arms and four side chairs.                                            | 135.00 |
| 115.00 | Limed oak set of dining room chairs. Including one arm and five sides.                                                                 | 69.95  |
| 139.50 | Black lacquered and lime china cabinet.                                                                                                | 69.95  |
| 79.50  | Stewartstown, black lacquered extension dinette table, including two leaves.                                                           | 39.95  |
| 219.00 | "Leonard" black lacquered, five-piece dinette, including round table with two leaves and four lipstick red plastic upholstered chairs. | 89.95  |

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|--------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 145.00 | Rose 9x12 solid color, twist broadloom rug.        | 99.00  |
| 119.00 | French blue 9x12 broadloom rug.                    | 69.95  |
| 80.95  | Floral 9x13.2 Axminster rug.                       | 69.95  |
| 122.85 | Floral Axminster 9x15 rug (used in store display). | 69.95  |
| 132.95 | Beige and Tan Tone-on-Tone Axminster rug, 9x16.    | 98.85  |
| 183.30 | Tone on tone 12x10 1/2 Wilton broadloom rug.       | 99.50  |
| 154.05 | Floral pattern rug 12x10.10.                       | 99.50  |
| 240.70 | Chenille type 9x13.8 broadloom rug.                | 189.95 |
| 182.70 | Tone on tone 9x18 Axminster rug.                   | 119.00 |
| 190.14 | Grey 9x18.9 twist broadloom rug.                   | 159.95 |
| 292.85 | Beige 11.7x15 carved Wilton broadloom rug.         | 199.00 |
| 149.00 | Tone on tone 12x15 Axminster rug.                  | 109.00 |
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## McCarthy Asks Congress Probe Of Sesqui Deal

Commission Plans Investigation of Reported Attempt To Set Up 'Kickback'

Charges of an attempt to set up a "kickback" deal on Sesquicentennial construction drew Congressional attention yesterday with these developments:

1. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) called for an investigation of the charges to be made by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, and for "appropriate action if there is any basis for the charges." McCarthy is a member of the Senate District Committee and played a leading role in the Senate's probe of "five per-centers."

2. Attorney General McGrath declined direct comment on McCarthy's statement. He said if the Sesquicentennial Commission finds reason to report to the Justice Department, he was sure the report would be made, but the first step would be up to the commission. The commission plans to investigate.

Neely Wants the Facts

3. Senator Matthew M. Neely (D., W. Va.) by telephone from his home in Fairmont, W. Va., said he would look into the charges as soon as he returns to Washington next week. "I want to know all the facts in the case," said Neely.

Neely is chairman of the Senate District Committee and a member of the Sesquicentennial Commission—successor in both positions to Attorney General McGrath.

4. Carter Barron, executive vice chairman of the Sesquicentennial Commission—which is officially headed by President Truman—told The Washington Post by telegram from Brookville, Fla., that on the basis of the charges the commission will make a careful review of its spacing-leasing plans before entering a final contract.

The charge of an attempt to establish a "kickback" setup was made by George M. Parker, contractor who lives near Gaithersburg, Md. He said he was offered a proposed contract by Paul Alexander, shareholder in the National Capital Sesquicentennial Leasing Corp.,—the terms were that Parker was to do some Sesquicentennial building construction work and give Alexander 10 percent of any profits.

The leasing corporation, by letter of intent from the Sesquicentennial Commission, was tentatively assigned sole rights for leasing 12 million dollars' worth of industrial space in the Sesquicentennial Freedom Fair buildings. In return, the corporation's fee would be \$600,000, or 5 percent, less operating expenses.

Given Blueprints, He Says Parker and Alexander have differed on what buildings were to be covered by the contract. Parker said he was given blueprints of the U. S. A. buildings in the Freedom Fair, and understood the proposed contract to mean them. Alexander said the proposal referred to independent buildings, meaning two projects, a building near but outside the fairgrounds, and housing for visitors.

Barron, in his telegram, indicated strong concern about suggestions in reports that Alexander was a hoodlum friend of President Truman.

"During our negotiations," wired Barron, "Alexander never represented himself as a personal friend of President Truman's. He did refer to a close family relationship with Congressman Cannon."

(Representative Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.) chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, led the final drive that won approval from a reluctant House for the three-million Federal grant for the Sesquicentennial celebration.)

Barron added "during the long weary months of struggle for an appropriation, the President's action on behalf of the commission seemed motivated solely by his obligation as President and chairman ex-officio of the commission, which the Eightieth Congress created. He sought only to help us carry out the objectives of the act creating the commissions. He was graciously accepted suggestions from the commission and faithfully persisted with us in the planning of an appropriate participation program."

No Intention of Resigning

"It is unfortunate that loose and irresponsible talk by mercenaries should throw a cloud over the tireless and conscientious effort of so many men and women. As long as I can contribute anything to the program, I have no intention of resigning."

Barron emphasized that Alexander had no concession or contract with the Sesquicentennial Commission. He cited Alexander's connection with the leasing corporation, but said that the firm had only the letter of intent on space leasing, but no final contract.

He said the letter of intent was given because it represented the

### Called Dangerous

### 4 Escaped Prisoners Sought Here

Washington area police were alerted yesterday for four young convicts, described as "dangerous," who fled from a State prison camp near Haymarket, Va., Sunday night amid a hail of bullets.

The men, according to Capt. E. J. Carter, camp superintendent, apparently used hacksaw blades to sever their leg shackles and then cut through a heavy wire mesh covering the window of the camp dormitory. Eighty-seven other prisoners in the building witnessed the break, Captain Carter said, but refused to tell prison officials any of the details.

The escapees were identified as Walter M. Barnett, 19, who was sentenced from Fairfax County to five years for robbery; Will Davis Beasley, 24, of Princess Anne County, serving time for housebreaking; Roy Bennett, 25, of Caroline County, sentenced for housebreaking; and John Aldrich, 25, convicted of burglary.

Barnett, Captain Carter said, had recovered only recently from a gunshot wound in the stomach, suffered when he attempted to break from another prison camp in southwest Virginia last May.

He and his companions escaped around 8:15 p. m., Captain Carter said. The noise of their flight as they climbed through the window of the building attracted three guards, who fired at the escapees as they fled across a field and into a heavily wooded area, he added.

Bloodhounds, summoned from two other nearby prison camps, picked up the trail of the fugitives near the prison camp, but lost it about a mile and a half away when they came to a heavily traveled highway, Captain Carter said.

Guards from the camp, aided by Prince William County and State police, searched the area around the prison camp throughout the night to no avail.

Persistent questioning of other prisoners failed to bring any information about the escape, Captain Carter said, and it has not been determined where the men obtained the hacksaws to cut their leg shackles. He said he believed the prisoners also were equipped with wire cutters, which they used to cut away the window covering.

Although considered dangerous, the men are not believed to be armed, Captain Carter said no reports had been received of any weapons being stolen in the vicinity during the night.

The fugitives, all white, were wearing brown prison uniforms at the time of the escape.

### Decathlon Event At 'Y' Opens Today

The Y. M. C. A.'s annual decathlon begins today at 9:30 a. m. at the 1736 G st. gym, and lasts through Friday.

Decathlon events are 50, 75 and 100-yard dashes, high, running and broad jumps, pushups, chinups, basketball free throw and baseball target.

Best possible terms for the commission. He said no salaries, drawing accounts, or other expenses incurred by the leasing corporation were chargeable to the commission.

Barron disclaimed commission responsibility for "impropriety" in actions by a member of the leasing corporation, but added that in the light of the charges, the commission will "cautiously review" its obligation to the corporation before any definitive contract is made.

## Prelates Visit D. C.'s Oldest Orphanage...



CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS—High Catholic churchmen yesterday visited St. Ann's Infant Home during a Christmas party and open house. From left are the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington; the Most Rev. Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and the Most Rev. John M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington.

## Alexandria Asked to Tax Utility Bills

Alexandria City Council has been urged to levy a tax on public utility bills by the North Ridge Citizens Association, it was announced yesterday.

According to E. C. Weitzell, association president, the proposed tax "will reach two important classes of taxpayers able to pay and not presently bearing their fair share."

The proposal continues: "One such class is those military personnel residing in our area and claiming exemption under certain Federal legislation from a number of local taxes. The other group is a large number of apartment dwellers who are not adequately taxed under existing laws."

The statement declared that "this tax will broaden the base of contribution to the common burden."

The letter to the council stressed the importance of economizing but also asserted that increased school needs require an increase in expenditures.

## Oldest Inhabitants Ask Representation On Sesqui Board

The Association of Oldest Inhabitants, Inc., last night asked to be represented on the commission planning the 1950 Sesquicentennial celebration.

Members met at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1849 9th st. n.w., to draft a request asking that their president, William D. Nixon, be appointed to the commission.

Members pointed out that the association has considerable data about the early history of Washington that would be useful in staging the celebration.

The 20 members also appointed a committee to study the association's constitution for the purpose of revising the document and bringing it up to date.

### Special Trains Scheduled

## Thousands of Washingtonians Return From Holiday Trips

By Sam Zagoria

Washington enjoyed a mild final day of the three-day holiday week yesterday as children broke in the new toys and parents built up morale for the inevitable return to work.

Thousands who left the city to spend Christmas in other parts of the country jammed Union Station and bus terminals throughout the evening while holiday visitors here headed the other way.

Some of Washington's population will be lost, however, for another week since many Federal Government workers and other used annual leave to stretch the weekend into a brief vacation.

Heavy Traffic Predicted Union Station officials expected the Christmas exodus crowds to come back throughout the week. They anticipate as heavy incoming traffic after New Year's as they handled last night and this morning.

Yesterday the Baltimore & Ohio railroad scheduled two extra sections to New York City, two here from New York and a third from St. Louis and Pittsburgh. The Pennsylvania had 10 extras coming from and another 10 going to New York City. Southern lines had no extras yesterday, but scheduled five for this morning.

Union Station rails were busy yesterday as crews cleared mail and express and shuttled trains to make way for last night and this morning's runs. The big peak in returnees was from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m.

At the Greyhound bus terminal every available bus was put into service. Officials estimated traffic was about evenly divided between those coming and going with the big rush on between New York and Richmond. Peak hours were from 5 p. m. on.

Flights on Schedule At National Airport, flights were on schedule and almost at capacity throughout the day. Haze and fog

cut visibility down to less than two miles, resulting in instrument flights much of the day.

Cloudy weather prevailed generally throughout the area, with temperatures ranging in the low fifties. Today's forecast calls for more topeast weather, with temperatures running from 45 to 55 degrees with occasional showers.

At many homes yesterday was cleanup day—a chance to finish up leftover turkey and egg nog and clear away piles of gift wrappings. Some lined up packages for today's traditional exchange day.

Many Make Calls For some it was a chance to make a long distance call home. The telephone company reported traffic was lighter yesterday than the 65,000 calls handled on Sunday, but still quite heavy.

The total for the two days is expected to be far above last year's 67,000 Christmas Day tally. Stores, banks and Government offices were closed. The National Gallery of Art was open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. to more than 18,000 who came to view the famous Viennese Art Treasures exhibition.

The Gospel Mission at 810 5th st. n.w. was also open, serving turkey dinners to 255 homeless persons.

And now only five more days till the New Year's holiday and another three-day weekend.

### Tiny Speedboats Race at Boys Club

The Boys Club of Washington midget motorboat races begin Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the Eastern Branch pool, 17th and Massachusetts ave. se.

Boats must be powered by super-mine or minime electric motors and must not exceed 18 inches in length and eight inches in width.

At 7 p. m. Wednesday, the Boys Club's annual novice swimming meet begins. More than 100 are already entered.

### 5000 Attend

## Open House at Infant Home

Nearly 5000 persons, including Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, were guests yesterday at open house ceremonies at St. Ann's Infant Home, 2200 California st. n.w.

While more than 100 tots stared in surprise, the visitors inspected the city's oldest orphanage from top to bottom, barred only at the nursery where the tiniest infants were protected from the curious by heavy plate-glass windows.

It was the first open house since the orphanage was chartered by Abraham Lincoln in 1860. The orphanage was started then by the Sisters of Charity and is conducted by that organization today.

Archbishop Cicognani, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington and Auxiliary Bishop John M. McNamara received guests as they entered the home. Archbishop Cicognani celebrated the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the orphanage chapel during the ceremonies.

In a short speech, Archbishop O'Boyle praised the work of the open house committee, headed by Alfred A. McGarraghy, and its attempt to interest people in the work of the nonsectarian orphanage.

While guests looked on, the orphanage children held their own Christmas party with all the trimmings. A St. Ann's choir, composed of children 3 to 6 years old, sang Christmas songs and a musical program was given by the chorals of Dunbarton College of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Academy.

He was Randolph R. Bonthorn, 44, proprietor of Bonthorn, Inc., a women's clothing store at 1408 F st. n.w. His body was discovered by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia B. Bonthorn, when she awoke. The couple lived at 2824 S. 8th st.

Dr. W. C. Welburn, Arlington County coroner, performed an autopsy, but said he would withhold a death certificate until vital organs sent to the chief medical examiner's office in Richmond were analyzed.

### Clothing Worth \$100 Stolen From Auto

A thief stole \$100 worth of feminine apparel from a parked auto yesterday, police reported.

The owner, Judy Spivak, a reporter for The Washington Post, who lives at 2637 Garfield st. n.w., told police the car was parked at 2440 16th st. The loot included a pullman case, overnight bag and hatbox.

## Holiday Traffic Toll in Area Reaches Seven

### Instead of Jail

## Yule Dinner Is 'Sentence' For Drunks

A hearty Christmas dinner instead of the customary jail sentences awaited a number of down-and-outers arrested as drunk in Municipal Court yesterday.

The Salvation Army had sent meal tickets to be distributed by the judges. An Alcoholics Anonymous member contributed \$50.

Prisoners with little or no record were released on personal bond and in each case arrangements were made for a turkey dinner for them at a restaurant.

Judges Milton S. Kronheim, Jr., and Thomas Dewey Quinn, sitting in different courtrooms, split the drunk load—77 cases—between them.

Court attaches pointed out the drunk load was comparatively light. On an ordinary Monday, they said, the total reaches about 100 cases. Last Christmas load totalled 102 cases.

### Also Fined \$10

## Wields Knife On Bus, He Gets 90 Days

Of all times to wield a knife threateningly, Christmas is the worst, Judge George D. Neilson decided in Municipal Court yesterday.

The jurist sentenced Thomas Jones, 45, of 656 12th st. n.e., to 90 days for threats in a menacing manner, and \$10 or 10 days for disorderly conduct, the sentences to run concurrently.

Jones was arrested early Christmas Day by a policeman, Nancy M. Lovell, on a bus at 24th and Benning rd. n.e.

Private Lovell and the bus driver, E. J. Crouch, 1735 F st. n.e., testified Jones pulled a penknife and threatened to carve up sundry passengers and the driver himself.

Jones said he'd had a couple of drinks and recalled nothing of the incident.

"What a nerve-racking experience," Neilson commented, "to be threatened by a knife on a day that should have been the most peaceful of the year."

### Arlington Police

## Probe Death of F St. Merchant

Arlington County detectives continued investigation last night of the death of an F st. shop owner who was found dead in his Arlington apartment bedroom early yesterday.

He was Randolph R. Bonthorn, 44, proprietor of Bonthorn, Inc., a women's clothing store at 1408 F st. n.w. His body was discovered by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia B. Bonthorn, when she awoke. The couple lived at 2824 S. 8th st.

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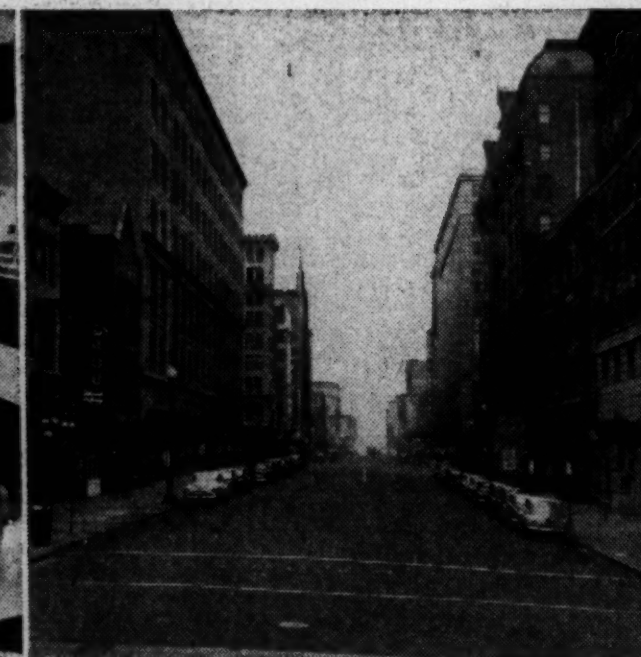
### Bloodmobile Visit

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Wilson Boulevard Christian Church, Wilson blvd. and N. Piedmont st., Arlington, on January 3, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Prospective donors are requested to telephone the county Red Cross Chapter, Oxford 3010, to arrange appointments.

## 'Twas the Day After Christmas and All Through the City



BREAKFASTS WERE LATE—Josephine Lanier, of 1026 Barnaby ter. se., waitress at a downtown restaurant, was the only one on duty during the breakfast hour. She found little to do.



STREETS WERE DESERTED—F street, looking east from the treasury, was all but empty during the morning hours yesterday, but traffic picked up later in the afternoon all over the city.



UNSOLD CHRISTMAS TREES—Clifton Sisk and his cousin, Warner Turley, 9, of 4410 Lee Highway, Arlington, load truck with surplus trees at 23d and K sts nw to haul them away.

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## Mrs. William Paley Tops Best-Dressed List Again

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Barbara Cushing Mortimer Paley, mother of three young children and expecting her fourth, was named the world's best-dressed woman for 1949 today. Her chief wardrobe item was a custom-made pink maternity coat.



Associated Press Photo  
MRS. PALEY

Mrs. Paley, slender brunette wife of William Paley, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, won the title for the third time in a poll conducted annually by American fashion designers. She thus became the foremost pretender to the fashion throne shared almost uninterruptedly in past years by Mrs. Harrison Williams and the Duchess of Windsor.

This year the Duchess was rated second on the list of the world's 10 best dressed women. Mrs. Williams came in third.

The Duchess of Kent was in fourth place; fifth was Mrs. Leland Hayward wife of the producer of "Mr. Roberts"; and sixth place went to Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., of Washington, the former Austine Cassini.

There were two additions to the list this year, the most interesting being Mrs. Kingman Douglass of Middleburg, Va., the former Adele Astaire, famed dancer of the roaring 20s, who never appeared on a list when her name was by word. Yet this year as she neared 50 she just made it by grabbing tenth place.

Mary Martin, musical comedy star of the 1949 Broadway hit, "South Pacific," was the other addition, placing seventh.

Other winners: Mrs. Byron Foy, wife of the vice president of Chrysler Corp. and Mrs. Louis Arpels, of the Paris Jewelry fortune.

Mrs. Paley advocates extreme simplicity in dress. She is a former fashion editor of Vogue fashion magazine.

Well-dressed women receiving honorable mention in their respective cities included: Mrs. Katharine Biddle and Mrs. Margaret Thompson Biddle of Philadelphia; Mrs. Paul Mellon, Pittsburgh; Mrs. William Wallace (Ina Claire) San Francisco; Moira Shearer, star of the Sadlers' Wells Ballet, London; Mrs. Ovetta Culp Hobby, Fort Worth.



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## Mary Haworth's Mail

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DEAR MARY HAWORTH: My nephew Earl is married, has two babies and recently bought a heavily mortgaged home in the nearby city where he works—so you see he can't afford to lose his job.

Last Spring he and his employer were in our neighborhood on business and they drove by to see our farm. We had a pleasant visit, Mr. X asked if he might bring his wife to call, and a few Sundays later they spent a day with us. In leaving Mr. X said that when plowing started he'd like to come for a week-end to help us. In a spirit of hospitality we said "fine," and in a fortnight they came back—and stayed two weeks! But Mr. X did help, so we didn't mind.

Four times during the summer they came for a week-end and stayed two weeks. In early September they appeared unexpectedly for a week-end, bringing both mothers. As I had other company we were overcrowded. In October they came again, bringing four in-laws that time. But two weeks ago was the last straw, when they bore down on us in two cars, bringing nine people for breakfast, dinner and supper.

### Nervous Nephew Urges Diplomacy

MR. X's greeting was "Hiya, folks, how's things on the farm? Meet the folks, and we're all starved." And believe me he wasn't exaggerating. Due to feeding them and their retinue this past year we've almost beggared ourselves; and we cannot continue to exhaust our funds and supplies, but when I hint at food costs Mr. X usually replies, "If you really want to learn about food costs you should live in the city."

When I spoke to my nephew about this recently, he said he had no idea Mr. X's country vacations were spent with us. And when I said I couldn't afford to continue this way, Earl asked me please to be most diplomatic. He said Mr. X is a sorehead when crossed and might fire him in retaliation, and I know Earl has reason to feel his job would be jeopardized, because while Mr. X has a bluff hearty manner, he can also be vindictive.

But how can I be diplomatic in dealing with folks who take everything as their due and have no compunctions about bringing all their relatives to partake of our hospitality? My husband threatens to tell Mr. X that he and his kin are no longer welcome. I've asked him to wait until we hear from you before taking a definite stand. Please advise. R. P.

### Seems a Throwback to Feudal Raiding

DEAR R. P.: This is an extraordinary situation. Since getting his foot inside the door at your place, Mr. X has been presuming as if he were a feudal lord in the Middle Ages, visiting the peasantry on his ancestral acreage for fleeing purposes. He invades your domain with his retinue as if all that is thine were primarily his.

No doubt you hung out the latchstring to this invasion of locusts at first, partly due to being swept off your feet by Mr. X's drive, also with the idea of helping Earl curry favor with his boss, and moreover in the excited hope of becoming close friends with a big shot, which you took Mr. X to be,—so that in case of need you'd have influential backing.

The picture you give of Mr. X's baronial descents on the farm, also your nephew's bullied fear of crossing him, pointedly indicates that you are naively involved with an aggressively selfish man whose "bluff hearty manner" means that he grins like a fox while knowingly exploiting submissive subjects. Yet combined with his insatiable greed is a bad conscience about his wrong dealings, and it flashes forth in vindictive behavior (a form of neurotic defense) when his performance is thwarted or challenged.

### Don't Surrender to the Invaders

THIS KIND of pirate is always stalking his own advantage and I daresay Mr. X figured from the first visit that here was a grand vacation set-up he could use cost-free if he played his cards right. Emboldened by your tolerance, his abuse of your hospitality has become outrageous,—and I agree with your husband, it should be stopped.

Don't martyr yourselves to Earl's craven psychology. Let him handle his problems in relation to Mr. X and you solve yours. For diplomacy, try a planned policy of friendly non-cooperation. That is, if Mr. X brings a party unannounced for meals, or if he or his wife write or telephone to negotiate overnight accommodations, have other purposes to declare. If you find them at the door, say you were going away—you don't need to explain where—when you'd finished chores, change clothes, etc.; and then suit your actions to your words. And decide together, here and now, just where you could go in a pinch like that, to give substance to your stand. M. H.

### Luncheon Host

Thomas Capps of New Orleans, La., and San Salvador gave a luncheon yesterday in the Embassy Room at the Statler Hotel for Miss Winifred MacGowan and Miss Elizabeth MacGowan, debutante daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Bryant S. Cooper.

### Cadet Visiting His Family

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By Dr. Ernest G. Osborne

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## Ask Anne

I would like to cover my paper  
screen which has become faded,  
with some pictures from Vogue,  
both the more heavy covers and  
some from the text. Could you  
give me some instructions on  
how to go about this?

G. E. S.

Lay the screen down on a flat  
surface and place the pictures,  
arranging them so they appear best  
as to color, line, and so forth.  
When you have the arrangement  
decided upon, stick each piece in  
place with a good household glue.  
Finish gluing an entire panel and  
place a weight on it until it is  
dry.

When you have the entire  
screen covered with pictures and  
the glue is completely dry, you  
can give the surface a coat or two  
of shellac or high grade varnish.  
Use either a clear varnish, or one

with a bit of amber color will give  
it an "old" appearance which is  
lovely.

Please advise me how to clean  
silverware in a delicate mauve  
shade.  
E. J. E.

Lay the feathers on a flat sur-  
face and dust them with corn  
starch which has just been damp-  
ened with a carbon tetrachloride.  
Let stand 20 minutes to absorb  
soil and shake or brush out. Re-  
peat as long as improvement is  
observed.

My living room and dinette  
are finished in solid rock maple  
with the exception of a mahog-  
any radio-phonograph in the  
living room. I have always ad-  
mired an American-Oriental  
rug and wondered if it might  
possibly be used in a room fur-

## How to Cover Screen With Magazine Pictures

nished in maple. Please give  
me your advice, and if an  
Oriental rug would not be suit-  
able I would like your sugges-  
tion as to the right type of rug.  
The size of the rug would have  
to be 8x12.  
H. J. M.

The simplicity of maple is  
usually associated with the early  
American period, when hooked  
and rag rugs were used. But since  
today decorators are combining  
furniture from different periods to  
achieve rooms which are truly in-  
dividual, I see no reason why you  
should not combine maple with  
rugs Oriental in design. Truly a  
man's (and woman's) home is his  
castle and should contain the fur-  
nishings with which you enjoy liv-  
ing. By all means choose Ameri-  
can Orientals.

Is there a place in Washing-  
ton where I could get instruc-  
tion on how to string pearls?

G. E. S.

I have not been able to locate  
a firm or school in the city which  
gives pearl stringing instruction.  
However, one of our readers has  
sent us the address of a firm which  
sells a complete bead stringing  
kit including pearl board (for  
graduating the beads), bead cups,  
tweezers, etc., and instructions to  
do a professional stringing job.  
The kit sells for \$2.98 and can  
be ordered from America As-  
sociates, Box 293-A, Morristown,  
N. J.

My husband and I operate a  
tourist court. As required by  
the health department, we place  
an unwrapped cake of soap in  
each room each day. Although  
we use one half ounce cake, we  
collect the used cakes from the  
rooms daily and some of them  
are barely used, as the imprint  
of the company is clearly visible.  
In the course of a month we  
have over 500 of these used  
cakes of soap on hand. Do you  
have any suggestions as to what  
we might do with it? Could  
we ship it somewhere where it  
could be melted down and sent  
to Europe? Or is there some  
local agency that could make  
use of it? I know there are  
many tourist courts around  
Washington, and perhaps some  
of the owners could tell us how  
they dispose of their used cakes.  
C. A. C.

You could probably use a limited  
number of the bars, if it is an  
unperfumed soap for your own  
dish washing and laundry needs

by placing them in a fruit jar and  
pouring boiling water over them.  
In a day or so, they will have be-  
come softened and will form a  
jelly. For laundry use add one-  
half cup of bleach to a washer  
full of soapy water.  
Do any of our readers have fur-  
ther suggestions?

I would like the name and  
address of the lady to whom I  
could send Christmas cards.  
E. C.

Our files are a year old on this  
subject. Will those of you who  
know of organizations who would  
like to receive used Christmas  
cards send us the names?

Would you kindly tell me  
where I can get something to put  
on the wrong side of crocheted  
rug to keep it close to the floor  
to avoid tripping one and caus-  
ing one to fall?  
M. T.

Sewing fruit jar rubbers to the  
reverse side of the rug will pre-  
vent slipping. If the rug is not  
stiff enough to lay flat on the  
floor, I suggest you line it with  
a heavy fabric such as burlap.  
This can be purchased by the yard  
where drapery fabrics are sold.  
If you line it, sew the jar rub-  
bers to the lining.

There is on the market a powder  
which can be sprinkled on the  
reverse side of rugs to prevent slip-  
ping. It can be purchased at  
needlework or notion counters in  
department stores.

This year I am a student at

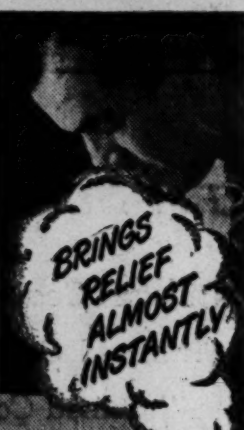
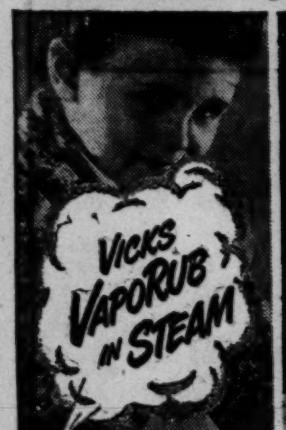
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The bride-elect, a member of the New Orleans Junior League, has resided in Washington for the past year. She attended Rosemary Hall, Greenwich, Conn.; Newcomb College, New Orleans, and was graduated from Barnard College. Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Downmen of New Orleans and The Plains, Va., and the late Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kock of Belle Alliance Plantation, La.

Mr. Montgomery is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ray of Washington and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farrar Montgomery of Lake Providence, La. A graduate of Princeton University, he took postgraduate work at Tulane University. Also, he attended Metairie Park Country Day School, New Orleans, and Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass.

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## Debutantes Dance at Birthday Tea, Holiday Ball

By Elizabeth Maguire

IT WAS happy, happy birthday yesterday for Miss Betsy Goodloe Porter. Dressed in white tulle, the pretty debutante danced into her nineteenth year at a tea dance given for her by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Porter at the Sulgrave Club. Sidney's orchestra played from 4:30 to 7:30 and the club was decorated for the occasion with red poinsettias and white flowers.

Mrs. Porter was dressed in navy blue taffeta, ballerina length, with orchids and navy tulle hat. Miss Ann Cocolington Porter, younger sister of the debutante, wore red taffeta and gardenias. Assisting Mrs. Porter were Mrs. Willis Battaille, Mrs. Edward Kendall Wheeler, Mrs. W. D. Byron, a cousin of Mrs. Porter, and Miss Dorothy Page.

The debutante's frock was fashioned with tight strapless bodice and very full skirt, and her flowers were a Colonial bouquet of red roses. Midway through the party, Betsy Porter cut her birthday cake, frosted in white and lighted with 18 candles.

Last year Miss Porter was graduated from Madeira School, and this year she is a freshman

at Connecticut College for Women.

Miss Waldrop

Honored at Ball

A BALL was given at the Chevy Chase Club last night by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell Waldrop for their daughter Miss Judith Lanier Waldrop, who is a freshman at Bryn Mawr. Miss Waldrop's frock was made of yards of white net, and her flowers were an old-fashioned bouquet of white and red flowers. Mrs. Waldrop wore a green Dior gown and white orchids.

Two orchestras played throughout the evening. In the smaller card room South American music was played, and in the large ballroom other dance music was furnished by Sidney and his orchestra. Christmas decorations of holly and green boughs banked the white paneled walls, and a lighted Christmas tree stood by the fireplace.

Dinner Is Given

For Miss Bingham

BEFORE Miss Waldrop's ball, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bingham gave a dinner at the Chevy Chase Club for their daughter, Miss Cornelia Bingham, who was

presented at Thanksgiving time. The dinner honored Miss Janeth Lloyd and Miss Marjorie Morgenstern, debutantes of the season.

In the center of the long dinner table was a winter scene of skiers, skaters, red sleds and pine trees. Corsages of white camellias were presented the two honor guests.

In the ceremony were Miss Peggy Anderson, Miss Betty Sebell, Miss Betsy Porter, Miss Renee Rizik, Miss Frances Adams, Miss Laura Winslow, Miss Patricia Warden, Miss Betsy Silver, and Miss Mary Loucheim. Their escorts were Charles Goodrich, William Selby, John Barto, Tom Manfuso, Max Truitt, Theodore Noyes, David Marsh, Charles Koonen, Christopher Owers, Snowden Stanley, Henry Groseclose, James Nolan, Stuart Taylor, and Barry Freer.

Miss Bingham attends Colby Junior College in New London, N. H.

Another dinner before the Waldrop debut was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Murdock at the 1925 F Street Club, honoring attractive Miss Ann King, daughter of Capt. Donald King, USNR, and Mrs. King. Lieut. (j.g.) and Mrs. J. Edgar Murdock, jr., who

are now stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., were among the guests.

Adm., Mrs. Morell

Down From Pittsburgh

ADMIRAL AND MRS. BEN MORELL flew down from Pittsburgh yesterday morning to see some of their old Washington friends, bringing with them their daughter, Miss Patsy Morell. The annual Christmas party of Miss Martha Egerton was attended in the afternoon by Miss Morell who was a classmate of Miss Egerton at Cathedral School. The Morells will be in Washington for several days.

Miss McCall Henderson

To Be Feted by Parents

MR. and Mrs. Hollis L. Imes will entertain January 1 at an "at home" party from 6 to 8 in honor of their daughter, Miss McCall Henderson. Miss Henderson has just returned from a three-month tour of Europe with Miss Louise Day, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Devere Day. Mr. and Mrs. Imes will entertain again for Miss Henderson on her birthday, January 22, at a dance. A party was given yesterday by Mrs. Imes for Senora de Diaz, wife of the Dominican Third

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**MRS. EDWIN LEONARD STATTER**, the former Miss Patricia Ann Goldner, was married December 18 at the Chevy Chase, Md., home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Bresler. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma S. Goldner and the late Simon Goldner, and Mr. Statter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Statter.



**MRS. WILLIAM F. McCABE**, whose marriage took place December 15 at St. Gabriel's Church, is the former Miss Rose Margaret McGuire. She is the daughter of Mrs. Martin J. McGuire of Washington and the late Mr. McGuire. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. William A. McCabe, also of this city, and the late Mr. McCabe.



**MRS. WILSON HUME EASTMAN, JR.**, whose marriage took place December 18 at the Church of the Annunciation, is the former Miss Marion Frances Zoref. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Zoref. Wearing white satin and carrying a white orchid with her prayer book, the bride was given in marriage by her father.



**AT A DOUBLE CEREMONY** December 17 at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Miss Mildred Oxford (left), became the bride of Corp. Stanley Wiezbowski, USMC, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Waite (right), was married to Corp. Jack Roland Perry, USMC. Mrs. Wiezbowski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oxford of Clarksville, Ark. Her husband, son of Mrs. Stanley Wiezbowski of Detroit, Mich., is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C. Mrs. Perry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Waite of Middleboro, Mass. Corporal Perry, who has been stationed in Camp Lejeune, N. C., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Perry of Birmingham, Ala.



**MRS. WILLIAM EDWARD DWYER, JR.**, was Miss Cecilia Teresa Higgins before her marriage yesterday at Holy Comforter Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Higgins and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dwyer of Bethesda, Md. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Barry Dwyer, the bridegroom's uncle. Mr. Dwyer is in his senior year at Catholic University.



**MRS. JEROME NOLAN WINKLER**, the former Miss Dolores Ann Ferris, became a bride yesterday morning at St. Francis Xavier Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander Ferris and Mr. Winkler's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hanson Winkler. Miss Jean Ferris and Anthony Sampogna were honor attendants for the couple. The newlyweds will reside in Washington on return from their New York honeymoon.

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**MRS. JOSEPH LE COMPERE, JR.**, was Miss Jean Dolores Chamness before her marriage December 9 at St. David's Episcopal Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Chamness of Washington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Le Compere of Texas. Following their reception at the Admiral Club, the couple left for New York City.



**MRS. RODNEY HUNTINGTON DUVALL**, whose marriage took place December 18 at Mount Rainier Christian Church, is the former Miss Margaret Jean Weygandt. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arden C. Weygandt of Riverdale, Md., and Mr. Duvall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Duvall of Damascus, Md.



**MRS. ROBERT G. SIMON**, the former Miss Norma Plavnick, was married December 18 at the Shoreham Hotel. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mark Plavnick and the late Mr. Plavnick. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Simon of New Rochelle, N. Y. The newlyweds will live in Washington.



**MRS. HERBERT MORTON PILZER**, before her marriage December 18 at the Statler Hotel, was Miss Lillian Kaufman. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kaufman of Washington and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Charles Pilzer, also of this city. Mrs. Lester Dobbs and Charles Pilzer were honor attendants.



**MRS. A. M. DRAISSNER**, whose marriage took place December 10 at All Souls' Unitarian Church, is the former Miss Mercedes Jordan. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel M. Jordan. George Jordan gave his sister in marriage. Miss Judith B. Knight was maid of honor, and Laurence C. Staples served as best man. The couple will live in Washington.

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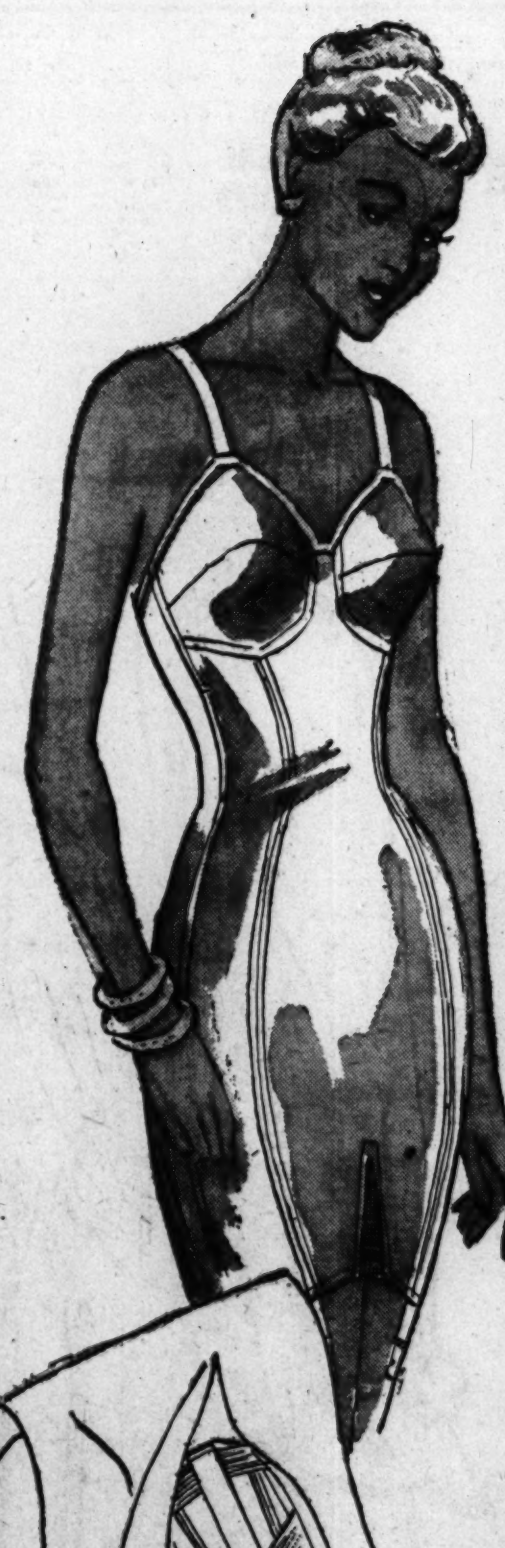
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# Last of Apaches Bites the Dust

By Richard L. Coe

IN THEORY, "Ambush," at the Capitol, must have seemed a goodish Western. The yarn is by Luke Short, that Satevostanby. It has magnificent settings, a good-looking cast. And it is the late Sam Wood's finale to a long, distinguished directing career.

But somehow, it's not exciting. It's listless and slow, with no surprises and no ingenuity.

This is indeed strange, for Harold Lipstein's cameras have caught some majestic scenery, massive slabs of great Western rock, tangled valleys and that clean, tingling, dusty air you like about Westerns. Also there's an astute musical background by Rudolph Kopp which has the good sense to allow for silence once in a while.

But Marguerite Roberts' screen play doesn't allow for much vitality on the part of the actors, who include Robert Taylor, John Hodiak, Arlene Dahl, Jean Hagen, Don Taylor and Charles Stevens.

The setting is an Army post, alerted to the dangers of the last century's Apaches. Robert Taylor plays one of those wandering lone wolves, without whom armies, particularly cinematic armies, could hardly triumph. He's a sterling scout and isn't much interested in the Army's offer to rescue a lady from the Apaches.

Chief of the Apaches is Diabito, a chap Taylor has caught several times before only to have the Army let him slip away. Taylor's tired of catching Diabito.

## Romance Lures Him

But, comes Romance. Arlene Dahl, one of those vague relatives of Army commanders who seem to haunt outposts of Western movies, thinks she's going to marry John Hodiak, second in command. Hodiak is a man of steel who never does any wrong and even licks Taylor in a gentlemanly scuffle. Sooooo, Taylor says he'll take on the job of rescuing the lady—Arlene's sister—from Diabito.

Also on the post is a boyish junior officer, obviously the upstanding type, in love with the wife of an enlisted man. The enlisted man is no good, a drunk who beats his wife, while she takes in laundry on the post.

So off they go, into the wild, buff yonder, and when they come back neither Hodiak nor the enlisted man come along, too, which leaves both Taylor boys in possession of the desirable females.

That anyone gets paid for cooking up screen plays like this is, of course, one of the great mysteries of movie-making.



YEAR'S FINALE—W. C. Fields, four of whose comedies have held the Little screen during 1949, is the star of the year's finale. Here he is with a hapless lady in "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man." "Never Give a Sucker An Even Break," another Fieldsian, shares the bill.

## 'The Pirates of Capri'

THEY'VE MADE THAT Pimpinel Story Again—Trans-Lux

THE TRANS-LUX, which alternates its good pictures with some terrible ones, is alternating. Its Yule week feature is "The Pirates of Capri," and it's the sort of thing you might have thought they stopped making years ago.

Louis Hayward plays one of those Pimpinel-ish chaps who goes around with a mask outlining the features of his face. He's all for democracy in Old Italy, to further which he'll ammunition from ships of the Neapolitan queen, busses pallid ladies and has a high old time which he shares with no one.

"The Pirates of Capri" was filmed in Italy, but its on-the-scenes aspect doesn't help it one whit. While the leading actors are associated with the American screen, supporting roles are played by Italians, none of whom

seems likely to disturb the thrones of Magnani and Fabri. In candle-lighted Naples Hayward acts the court fop and has the usual close brushes with secret police, courtiers and Her Nibs. Binnie Barnes plays this queen and makes nothing of her whatever, though, lord knows, she's given some excessively foolish things to say. Mikhail Rasumny and Alan Curtis are two other fellows you'll recognize.

While the settings have the lawlessness expected from such promising backgrounds, they're never enough to take your attention from the corny, hackneyed plot and lines.

Also on the bill is a color cartoon of little merit and a collection of news clips, most of which are as blandly pointless as usual.—R. L. C.

## 'Covenant' Author Due At Luncheon

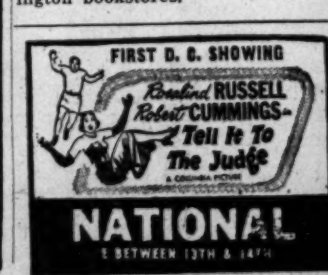
Morton Thompson, author of "The Cry and the Covenant," will speak at The Washington Post Book and Author Luncheon January 6.

Thompson will share the program at the Hotel Statler with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, whose latest work is "This I Remember," and Capt. Walter Karig, USNR, author of "Victory in the Pacific."

Thompson's fictionalized biography is the story of Dr. Ignaz Philipp Semmelweis, whose observations in the Vienna General Hospital led to his discovery of the cause of childbed fever. Semmelweis's reward at the time was to be called "a madman."

Thompson, who now lives in Lyme, Conn., spent 15 years in Hollywood, seven of them as a columnist for The Hollywood Citizen-News, where he was known as a humorist. His earlier books include "Joe, The Wounded Tennis Player," and "How to Be a Civilian," written in 1946 just after he had been mustered out of the Army.

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## Show Times

Warner—"The Lady Takes a Sailor." He is Dennis Morgan, she is Jane Wyman. It is a comedy, at 11:15 a. m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:35, 7:35 and 9:45 p. m.

Capitol—"Ambush." Robert Taylor, Arlene Dahl and John Hodiak battle the Indians of the Old West. At 11 a. m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 and 10 p. m. Stage shows with John Hodiak at 12:45, 3:30, 5:15 and 9 p. m.

Palace—"Dancing in the Dark." William Powell and Mark Stevens groom Henry Drake for a Technicolor musical, at 11:30 a. m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:50 p. m.

RKO-Keith's—"Holiday Affair." Romantic comedy with Robert Cummings in a Technicolor musical, at 11:30 a. m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:50 p. m.

Trans-Lux—"The Pirates of Capri." At sea with Louis Hayward and Binnie Barnes, at 11:30 a. m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:50 p. m.

National—"Tell It to the Judge." Edmund Gwenn, Donald Crisp and the Collins in Technicolor, at 11:15 a. m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45 and 9:55 p. m.

Metropolitan—"East Side of Heaven." A musical comedy, at 11:30 a. m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:50 p. m.

Columbia—"The Challenge to Lassie." Edmund Gwenn, Donald Crisp and the Collins in Technicolor, at 11:15 a. m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45 and 9:55 p. m.

Playhouse—"All the King's Men." A dramatic film about the rise and fall of an American politician, finely acted by Broderick Crawford, Mercedes McCambridge at 11:25 a. m., 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50 and 10 p. m.

Little—"W. C. Fields bill: 'You Can't Cheat An Honest Man.' At 11 a. m., 3:40, 6:20, 9:05 p. m. 'Never Give a Sucker An Even Break.' At 2:30, 5:10, 7:50 and 10:35 p. m.

Duquesne—"Germany, Year Zero." Russell Holt takes his camera to Berlin, at 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10 and 9:10 p. m.

Pix—"Country Girl." At 2:25, 5:45, 10:15 p. m. "Marked Girls." At 4:20 and 8:25 p. m.

Ambassador—"The Lady Takes a Sailor." At 11:30, 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:50 p. m.

English Titles

Pix—"Viviane Romance." "She's got what it takes." At 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p. m.

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# They're Carrying Movie Realism Too Far

It is most unlikely that you will enjoy "Ambush," at the Capitol, as much as I did. You see, I got what might be termed a double performance—the one on the screen, and the one from the young lady in the seat behind me.

She's the type that takes movies seriously. Audibly so. She worked just as hard at capturing the villainous Indian as the Army troopers did, checking every bit of their campaign strategy against possible counter-moves by the Redskins.

When the Indian chief played dead, and waited with a loaded six-shooter in his hand for Robert Taylor to walk into the trap, she burst forth with: "Oh, if he gets shot now I'll die."

And when Taylor and another actor became involved in a fight, with Taylor emerging the loser,

her priceless comment was a puzzled:

"Say, what kind of picture is this, anyhow? Isn't Bob Taylor supposed to be the hero?"

**DEAR BOSS: HERE'S A MESSAGE FOR YOU**

Floyd Montgomery of the Yellow Cab Co. is disturbed by the news that one of our District Liners works The Washington Post's crossword puzzle, in ink, in 5 minutes flat. Floyd reports:



"I work 'em in ink, too, but not in five minutes. It takes me that long to read the definitions between bites of my luncheon sandwiches. You ought to make the type bigger and the puzzles harder."

**SUGGESTION BOX**

A local businessman who must, for obvious reasons, remain anonymous, tells me:



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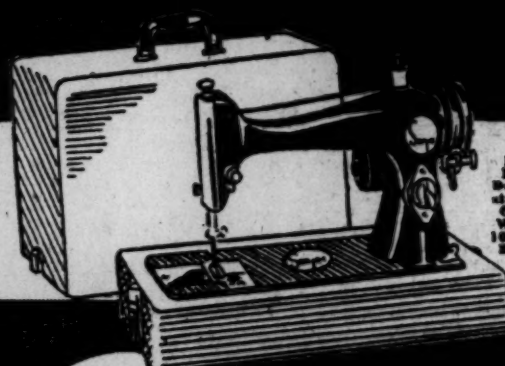


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"In our work, we are at the mercy of inspectors and the mails in the (deleted) office of the District Government.

"Each Christmas we've been giving each of them a bottle of booze, merely to keep pace with our competitors. The result is that they've come to expect such gifts as their due, and I'm sick of the practice.

"Next year I'm going to send a check to Children's Hospital for the amount I ordinarily spend for their whisky, and I'm going to tell them what I've done in their name.

"I hope they like the idea, but whether they do or not—that's my policy from here on in."

**SLICK TRICK**

Gordon M. Sessions of 1801 Calvert st. nw. is another District Liner who is less than enthusiastic about the taxi situation at National Airport.

He says he can't understand why the same Government which fights so hard to break up monopolies will grant a taxi monopoly at one of its own properties.

"It's annoying," he says, "to be told that I must 'take this cab, or else.' And, here recently, meters have been installed, making my trip home cost \$2.10 instead of the \$1.75 I previously paid.

"So I've worked out an idea that you might like to pass along to other readers who don't like monopolies.

"Returning from Mexico last week, I passed up the taxi and got into the airport limousine. I said I wanted to go to the Washington Hotel. They took me there for the flat fee of 90 cents. At the hotel I transferred to a regular local cab, and was taken home for 50 cents. Net saving, exclusive of tips: 70 cents."

**DISTRICT LINERS CLUB NEWS**

Dear Bill, my husband made the "Line."

The question now arises: Is he a member at this time? No work for further prizes?

And if he can attend the Club (An honor for this house) Another question—here's the rub:

What status has his spouse?

Mrs. David E. Scull  
101 Elm ave.,  
Takoma Park, Md.

I have no voice in Club affairs But it would be my guess They'd welcome you with open arms.

The answer would be: Yes The other husbands bring their wives;

It lends the meetings tone. Besides, you don't need hubby's pull;

You've made it on your own.

Bill

**MAIL BAG**

Dear Bill:

Too bad about your car, but you're lucky anyhow. At least you know who did it, and the insurance company paid for the fixing.

Our car bears three ugly dents and scrapes. The last one, judging by the depth of the dent, was probably put there by a collision that was heard for blocks.

But the parking lots and garages where we leave the car never seem to know a thing about these accidents.

And, incidentally, I see very few women working around parking lots and garages these days.

Katherine Peterson  
Dares Beach  
Prince Frederick, Md.

Dear Katherine:

Very subtle, but you strike a telling blow on behalf of women drivers. Just as soon as I think up a clever answer, I'll print it.

Bill

**ADD DEFINITIONS**

As frustrating as being Clark Griffith's junior partner.

**JOHN TAKES TIME FOR ONE OF LIFE'S FOIBLES**

John Hayes, WTOP general manager, spends most of his waking hours making sure that The Washington Post station retains the biggest audience in town.

But apparently he's taken the time someplace along the line to develop an ear for poetry, and an eye for the unusual.

Currently, John reports that the news vendor at 13th and E sts. nw. is using a revised version of some famous lines to remind his customers about the sales tax. The newsie's chant goes:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers . . . Life is but a dream . . . Life is real, Life is earnest . . . Life is now 21 cents."

"A Psalm of Life" is the title you're trying to recall. The author was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

**PALOOKA PREDICTION**

The wise money is laying 7 to 5 that Knobby Walsh marries the kid's mother.

**HOW'S THAT AGAIN?**

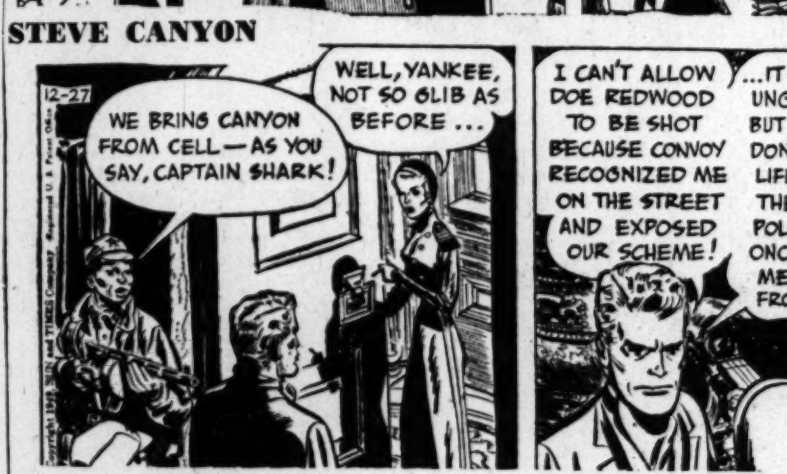
Harold Brooks of Calverton, Va., gets a chuckle out of a recent story in The Washington Post which said, in part:

"Besides puppies, we also have a good selection of older dogs—between 50 and 80, at the moment." Choosing to read the sentence for humor, rather than content, Harold chides:

"Isn't that a bit old for dogs?"

**YOU, TOO?**

The approach of the New Year is a good time to stop and take inventory. The trouble is that the only category in which I ever show a gain is resolutions for next year.



## MARY WORTH

HOW COULD THE HOTEL POSSIBLY HAVE KNOWN IN ADVANCE THAT YOU WERE HAVING A WEDDING BREAKFAST FOR US, MRS. WORTH?

NEWS TRAVELS FAST IN A COMMUNITY THIS SIZE, BUNNY!—SEE!—THE TABLE IS ALL READY!

WE'RE THE MCKEE-O'HARE PARTY... SHALL WE SIT DOWN NOW...?

I'M AFRAID THERE IS SOME MIS-UNDERSTANDING!

THIS TABLE IS FOR MRS. CALVIN SWEETLIGHT!—THE FORMER MRS. SWEETLIGHT, THAT IS!

## STEVE CANYON

WE BRING CANYON FROM CELL—AS YOU SAY, CAPTAIN SHARK!

WELL, YANKEE, NOT SO GLIB AS BEFORE...

I CAN'T ALLOW DOE REDWOOD TO BE SHOT BECAUSE CONVOY RECOGNIZED ME ON THE STREET AND EXPOSED OUR SCHEME!

...IT SOUNDS UNGRATEFUL, BUT IF YOU DON'T SAVE HER LIFE, I'LL TELL THE CHINESE POLICE THAT YOU ONCE ALLOWED ME TO ESCAPE FROM YOUR SHIP!

YOU ARE REDUCED TO DESPERATE STRATEGEMS, AREN'T YOU, CANYON?—THESE PUPPETS BELIEVE ONLY WHAT MY COUNTRY TELLS THEM—WOULD THEY ACCEPT YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE?

BESIDES, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE WOMAN, BUT A STAY OF EXECUTION FOR YOU MIGHT MAKE MY TOUR OF DUTY IN THIS DANK PLACE A LITTLE MORE BEARABLE!

## JOE PALOOKA

THE REPORTERS DASH FOR THE PHONES...

WHOOEE?

WHAT A BREAK!

IT WAS AS DRAMATIC AS A PLAY... SHE'S A LOVELY LOOKING BABE... YOU NEVER SAW SUCH A THING AS WHEN THE KID YELLED "MOMMY!"

JUST AS JOE'S WIFE ASKED FOR THE KID... THE MOTHER STOOD UP... BOY, WHAT A DRAMA! BUT... WHEN SHE SAW THE KID... SHE SAW A FLASH.

MY HUSBAND DIED A YEAR AGO... I WAS DESPERATE... ILL AND NO JOE... I SAW MISTER WALSH ON THE TRAIN... I REMEMBERED HIM... I HAD READ OF HIS GREAT INTEREST IN UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN... HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOOD CAUSES...

## PENNY

BUT OF COURSE, MELLOW MAN, YOU JUST KNOW I DEFINITELY DO-NATCH, DREAM DUST, JUST AS YOU SAY, SUGAR.

WHOMEVER THAT WAS IT SOUNDED AS IF HE'S A HOPE-LESS DROOP.

HUH? WHAT? OH, UH HUH... WELL, UH, YES, I GUESS SO. UH, WELL, 6' BYE NOW.

ANOTHER HIM, FATHER? HE'S DROOP? JUST ACTUALLY THE MOST UTTERLY DIVINE DREAM BEAM IN TOWN!

## DOTTY

HORACE, WHAT'S THIS HAIR DOING ON YOUR COAT?

IT'S YOURS, DOTTY—IT'S BLONDE, ISN'T IT?

MM—YOU'VE BEEN GETTING AWAY WITH THAT STORY FOR A LONG TIME!

I'LL JUST SEE IF IT MATCHES ONE OF MINE...

YOU FORGET THAT WILBERT GOT A MICROSCOPE FOR CHRISTMAS!!

## OSARK IKE

FANTASTICAL!

HAW!...US FATFIEDS DONE SWITCHED FOOTBAWLS WHILST THEM FOOL MCBATTS WUZ'N LOOKIN'!

WE DONE FLUNG A FLOATIN' PASS WITH A PIGSKIN FULL OF GAS!

WHOOPS! LOOKIT TH' BREEZE PUSH IT PAST MID-FIELD!

TOWARD TH' MCBATTS' GOAL LINE!

JUS' HOW DO YOU FATHAIDS AIM T' GIT IT DOWN?

WITH A MAGICAL WORD... SOON AS TH' BAWL SAILS OVUH TOUCHDOWN TERRITORY!

## MICKEY FINN

SO MICKEY'S GIRL GOT HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, EH, PHIL? I SAW 'EM GOIN' INTO THE BIJOU THEATRE LAST NIGHT!

THAT'S RIGHT, CLANCY! SHE ARRIVED CHRISTMAS EVE! IT WAS THE BEST PRESENT MICHAEL COULD HAVE RECEIVED!

LARRY KING CAME HOME WITH HER, I SUPPOSE!

ON, SURE! THAT BRIDGE HE WAS BUILDIN' OUT THERE IN ARIZONA IS ALL FINISHED! BUT I'M AFRAID IT TOOK A LOT OUT OF HIM!

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

NO, NOT YET! BUT MICHAEL SAID HE LOOKS AWFUL TIRED—AND THAT HE'S BEGINNIN' TO SHOW HIS AGE!

WELL, HE MUST HAVE ALL THE MONEY HE'LL EVER NEED NOW! HE OUGHT TO RETIRE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, CLANCY, HE SHOULD! AND I THINK I'LL TELL HIM SO TOMORROW!



EX MORGAN, M. D.

GIVE IT TO ME, MORGAN!  
WHAT DO YOU WANT  
WITH THAT?!

LET'S NOT GET  
ROUGH, ALBERT!

YOU'VE GOT NO BUSINESS  
COMING IN HERE AND PICKING  
UP STUFF THAT DON'T  
BELONG TO YOU!

WHY GET SO  
EXCITED OVER A  
LITTLE THING LIKE  
THIS? ONE CAN BUY  
IT FOR LESS THAN  
A DOLLAR!

YOU ACT AS THOUGH YOUR  
LIFE DEPENDS ON IT,  
ALBERT!

## MERRY AND THE PIRATES

AFTER DAYS OF PUSHING THROUGH THE  
SNOW-PACKED MOUNTAIN TRAILS, THE  
SURVIVORS OF THE FIGHT AT THE  
CARAVAN INN REACH OPEN COUNTRY.

TERRY, A CARAVAN OF SCARE-  
CROWS, SUCH AS THIS, WOULD  
AROUSE SPECULATION, IF SEEN.  
WE WILL WAIT HERE FOR DARKNESS  
TO COVER OUR ENTRANCE INTO  
THE CITY.

LATER

George H. Roper

## STEVE ROPER

LAY IT ON, BIG BOY!  
I'LL KEEP MOPTOP  
AGGIE OFF YOUR  
NECK!

THAT'S A  
DEAL, PEETY!

COMPLIMENTS OF CUPCAKE,  
"CHOKER"!

BUT THIS ONE IS ON  
ME!

THE LATTER WAS A SECRET, KNOWN  
TO THIS COLUMNIST AND OTHERS, BUT  
NEVER BEFORE REVEALED UNTIL  
MITCHELL BURST INTO PRINT.

George H. Roper

## IXIE DUGAN

MISTER X...??  
IS HE KIDDING?

COULD  
BE

I WONDER WHY  
HE'S TRAVELING  
INCOGNITO?

OH WELL—WE ALL  
HAD A GRAND TIME  
AND HE'S A GRAND  
GUY—STILL, WE  
GOTTA KNOW  
YOU'LL PROBABLY  
NEVER SEE  
HIM AGAIN  
ANYWAY.

PERHAPS NOT

SHE SAID SHE WAS  
GOING TO WORK IN AN  
HOUR—I'LL STICK  
AROUND.

## MYRTLE

HOW'S YOUR  
MOTHER GETTING  
ALONG WITH  
HER DIET?

GEE WHITT—  
AUNT  
THUTHEE,  
IT IS ALL  
OVER!

MOM HEARD  
THOME LADY ON  
THE RADIO TELLING  
HOW TO MAKE  
BANANA  
THOUFFLE!

AND DID THAT  
MAKE  
YOUR MOTHER  
HUNGRY?

NO! BUT POP  
WITH TWO  
AFRAID MY MOM  
WOULD MAKE  
THOME FOR  
HIM—

—HE  
TOOK LTH ALL  
DOWNTOWN  
FOR A BIG  
"HTEAK  
DINNER!"

## WINNIE WINKLE

CONFOUND IT! THIS  
TRAIN IS WOWSY!

DADDY  
FIX IT?

I'M AFRAID NOT,  
SON! DADDY WILL  
HAVE TO TAKE IT  
BACK TO THE STORE  
WHERE IT CAME  
FROM!

NO, DADDY! THAT  
TRAIN  
DIDN'T COME  
FROM STORE!

IT DIDN'T?

NO—SANTY  
CLAUS  
BROUGHT  
IT!

## DONALD DUCK

DAILY BLOW  
WEATHER MAN  
PREDICTS  
BIG SNOW  
IN 24 HOURS!

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## Washington Merry-Go-Round

### Senators' Payroll Airing Ordered

By Drew Pearson

To make it tougher for Senators to conceal kickbacks, Secretary of the Senate Les Biffle has ordered to be published the names and salaries of every one on Senators' payrolls.

This information had always been available to the public until the Republicans took charge of Congress in 1946. Then GOP Secretary of the Senate Carl Loeffler issued a blackout order, suppressing information about Senators' employees. This was about the same time this column was investigating Representative J. Parnell Thomas for accepting kickbacks from his employees.

Loeffler admitted to this column that he had acted upon the orders of a mysterious Senator whom he refused to identify. Later, when this column exposed what Loeffler was up to, Senator Burnet Maybank, South Carolina Democrat, introduced a bill to force Loeffler to publish the names and salaries of all Senate employees. But Maybank's bill was suppressed by Republicans, didn't even get a hearing.

Now, conscientious Les Biffle has countermanded Loeffler's order and directed that all names and salaries must be published.

#### Atomic Secrets

The security-conscious Atomic Energy Commission is quietly wrestling with one of the most difficult secrecy problems in its brief and turbulent history. It's the problem of what action, if any, should be taken against high officials who casually pass out, for all the world to read, our most jealously guarded atomic secrets.

Two recent examples of irresponsible talking on the part of "responsible officials" have brought the whole problem to a head.

First, Senator Edwin Johnson (D., Colo.), a member of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, blurted out details on the power of our present A-bomb and the news that we are working on a bomb 100 times more powerful. He added that our scientists hope to devise means of prematurely exploding bombs headed our way.

Second, Curtis Mitchell, former deputy director of information at the Pentagon, recently revealed that the United States stockpiles of atom bombs are located in caves in the Southwest.

The latter was a secret, known to this columnist and others, but never before revealed until Mitchell burst into print.

Much as the AEC worries about the safekeeping of its secrets, its experts have reluctantly concluded that nothing can be done to button the lips of high officials.

The basis for this decision, in the case of Senator Johnson, is twofold: (1) Legal action against a high-ranking Senator on the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee might result in severe Senate retaliation in the form of reduced appropriations, blocking of confirmations and time-consuming investigations; (2) To take action against Johnson would, in effect, tell the world that Johnson's story was true.

The AEC fully realizes that failure to take action against such violations may lead to the revelation of further details of our most secret program. Caught in this unhappy predicament, the AEC has decided to keep its fingers crossed and do nothing.

#### Russian Submarines

It hasn't been getting the headlines of the unification row, but the Navy has been quietly speeding up preparations for submarine warfare.

Russia is now reported to be building 1000 submarines—all of them the latest "Nazi"-design Schnorkel U-boats, capable of staying under the water for several days without coming up to breathe. This is the type which began to wreck American shipping again during the last few months of World War II.

The Navy's present problem is to outguess the Russians, since a sub's characteristics must be known before a sub killer can be designed to combat it. However, the undersea admirals believe they can keep abreast of Russian submarine design, and are even working on a submarine to intercept other submarines under the sea.

At the start of the last war, the Navy was caught completely unprepared for submarine warfare and the losses were staggering. This time, elaborate preparations are being made, even in peacetime.

for submarine attacks. Some of the Navy's plans remain secret, but it is permissible to outline the following plan for sub defense:

The seacoast will be sown with mines, harbor entrances screened with submarine nets, and harbor bottoms driven with spikes. Patrol planes and blimps will prow for subs along the coast.

Spearheading the air patrol will be the Navy's twin-engine P2V, which can fire machine-guns, rockets, depth charges and bombs all at once. For long-range scouting trips, the Navy will start production soon on a four-engine, armed-to-the-teeth seaplane—the PB2Y. Blimps, which can now be refueled at sea from tankers, will also play an important part in antisubmarine warfare.

#### Subs vs. Subs

Most potent weapon against the submarine may be the submarine itself. The Navy is building small intercepter subs to lurk along the submarine lanes and engage the enemy in undersea battle. An advantage is that these subs make no noise as they lie in wait.

The Navy also plans to carry the attack against submarines straight to their base, is training special raider amphibious units to demolish submarine bases. Rocket-firing submarines that can surface, fire a broadside of guided missiles and quickly submerge, will also be used. However, the admirals are worried that the same strategy may be turned against us and used by an enemy to attack American coastal cities.

Because Russia is concentrating

on a submarine fleet which already numbers 300, Chief of Naval Operations Forrest Sherman has assigned the Navy's No. 1 submarine expert, Vice Admiral Francis S. Low, to make a special survey of our undersea defenses. This project has been given top priority.

#### Merry-Go-Round

Civil Aeronautics Administrator Del Rentzel has grounded an air force experimental balloon that was supposed to make test flights over Syracuse University. Rentzel overruled a committee of air force, airlines and CAA representatives, because Syracuse U. is less than a mile from the approach to the congested Syracuse airport. . . . The State Department can't make up its mind whether to ship arms to Europe in a blaze of publicity or under strict military secrecy. The Army says they change plans every other day. . . . Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany, has privately told the State Department that his recent appeals for a West German army were strictly for home consumption.

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#### Hebrew Congregation Sets Sabbath Service

The Northeast Hebrew Congregation will hold a family Sabbath service for parents and children at 8:30 p. m. Friday in the basement assembly room of Sherwood Presbyterian Church, 224 St. and Rhode Island ave. ne.

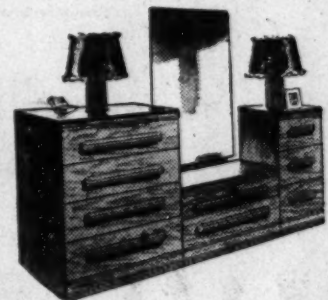
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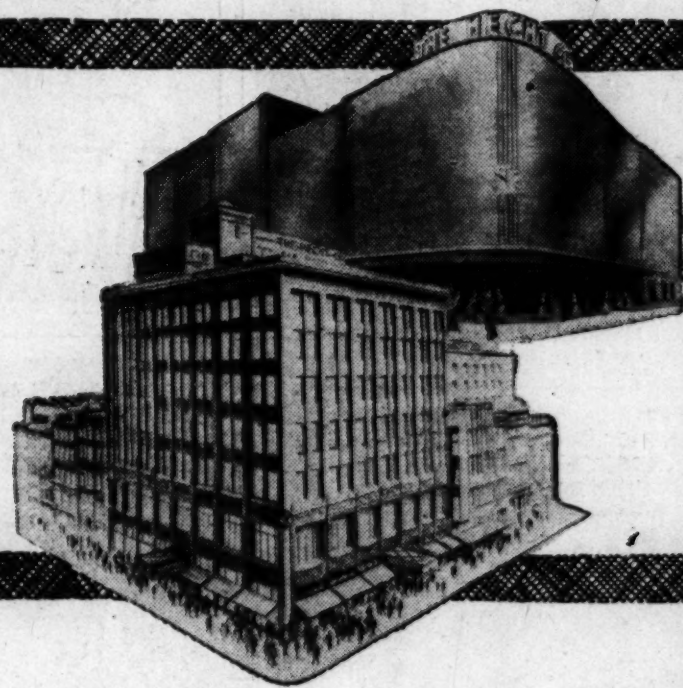
Frederick Indorf, George Washington University instructor in child growth and development, will speak at a meeting of the Ficklin School Parent-Teacher Association at 8 p. m. January 9, in the auditorium of Ficklin School, 24 and Pitt sts., Alexandria. His topic will be "Emotional Problems of Children."



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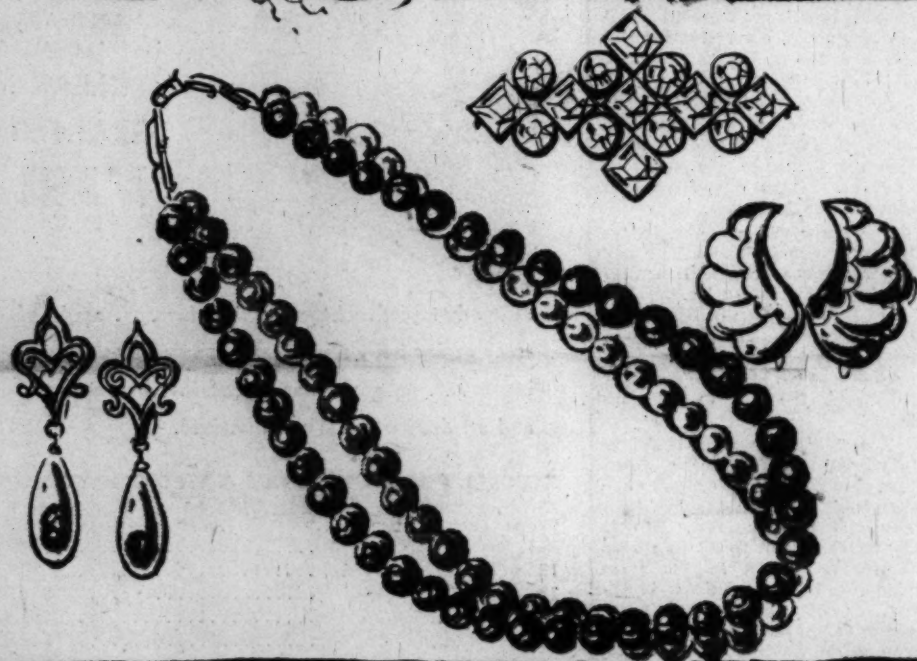
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